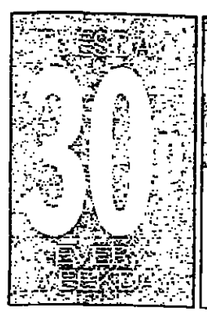
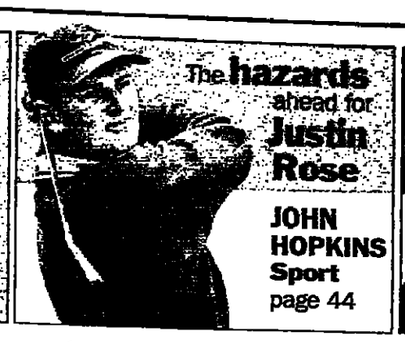
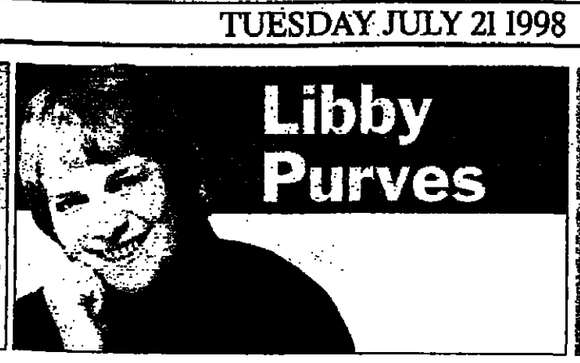
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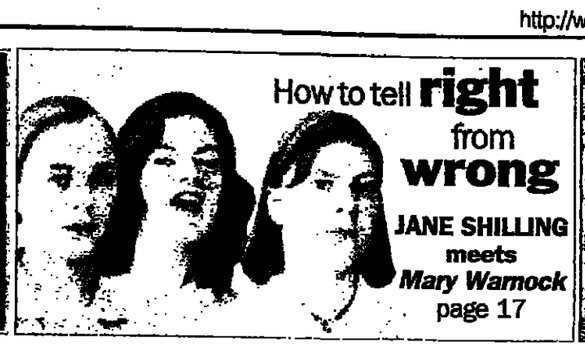
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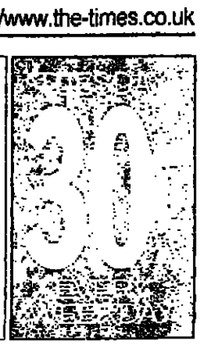






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Childcare checks tightened

Urgent review as lying minder is jailed for murder

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

HARRIET HARMAN ordered an immediate review of childcare regulations last night after a registered childminder was jailed for life for shaking a five-month-old baby to death.

The Social Security Secretary is also to join forces with David Blunkett in demanding a national register for nannies, even though a government task force recently came out against the idea.

Ms Harman said that the Government would examine the issues raised by the death of Joseph Mackin as a matter of urgency and conceded that the regulatory system had failed. Helen Stacey, who murdered Joseph on his fourth day at her home in North Walsham, Norfolk, had lied to secure registration, concealing her past as a prostitute and the fact that she had given up three of her own children for adoption.

Norfolk County Council, which registered Stacey, has since introduced new procedures and its example may be followed nationwide. A national childminding register may also be introduced, so that all local authorities carry out the same checks and share information on rejected applicants.

Stacey, 41, failed to declare on her application that she had been married twice, so that no checks could be conducted on her life as Helen Owen, during which she had been convicted of soliciting and shoplifting.

Norfolk County Council now demands that applicants produce a marriage certificate, which shows a previous marriage and opens a new avenue for security checks. It also requires a doctor's report on all applicants: had one been necessary in Stacey's case it would have shown that she had been treated for depression. Both checks may now become national procedure.

Ministers are acutely aware that the present regulatory system is inconsistent and incoherent and that plans to create 10,000 extra daycare places for school-age children could fail unless standards can be tightened up and better enforced. They are also worried that failures in the control of childcare threaten to undermine the drive to get more women back to work.

Responsibility for regulating childcare has recently been switched from the education to the health department, while the registering and inspection of childminders is left to local social services departments.

Guidance notes for local authorities issued by the last Government criticise local authorities for applying rules "too rigidly" and state: "Standards should not be unrealistically high to the point where they inhibit the expansion of daycare and childminding services." That has led some social services departments to regard it as their duty to register someone unless they can prove that there are strong reasons to reject the application, but last night Ms Harman said: "We will have to address the failure of the regulatory system to ensure that it is robust enough."

Ms Harman and Mr Blunkett have also decided to ignore the recent recommendations of the Better Regulation Task Force and demand a national register for nannies — who are totally unregulated at present. "It is not a question of shelving the recommendations on nannies," a source said. "They will not even get onto the shelf in the first place."

Gill Haynes, chief executive of the National Childminding Association, said: "Registration and inspection should be standardised throughout the country and police checks on childminders and other adults living in the household should be maintained." And Collette Kelleher of the childcare charity Daycare Trust, said that regulation should be on a par with other regulatory systems, such as that operated by the schools inspectorate Ofsted. "We would like national standards to be enforced and a proper system of sharing information between local authorities."

The judge in Stacey's trial also spoke of his anxieties about the inquiries conducted on potential childminders and called for a searching inquiry into the case, saying: "The public should have the greatest confidence in childminders."

Mr Justice Blofeld had just sentenced Stacey to life imprisonment for murdering the "helpless" child

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JERRY DAWS



Helen Stacey arriving at Norwich Crown Court, where she was sentenced to life imprisonment

£1 billion tolls and taxes to pay for Prescott's transport dawn

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN PRESCOTT yesterday revived long-contested plans for drivers to be charged for travelling on motorways and main roads as he put a three-pronged attack on congestion at the heart of his "new dawn" for transport.

Councils are to be allowed to charge drivers for entering busy city centres and holiday areas such as the national parks; employers will be taxed on the parking spaces they provide for their workers and toll schemes are to be allowed on motorways and other trunk roads, although only on a wide scale after better technology has been developed.

The three streams of revenue are planned to bring in about £1 billion a year within seven years, with the charges on parking spaces — an average of £150 a year but more than £500 in central London — possibly in place by the next general election.

As a first step, tolling at the Thames Dartford crossings, due to end in 1999, could be continued with the revenue being used on schemes to widen the M25 and improve traffic flow on London's orbital motorway. As recently as this year ministers have ruled out tolls for at least ten years but they are clearly back on the agenda. The White Paper said that trials would ensure that tolling systems could cope with high volumes of traffic and cover issues such as personal privacy and diversions on to untolled roads.

Mr Prescott also gave the strongest hint that next week's roads review announcement will axe many of the building schemes left in the pipeline by the Conservatives, although it is expected that the M25 in Surrey will be widened with bus lanes in both directions. Investment in future will concentrate on better maintenance and management of existing roads.

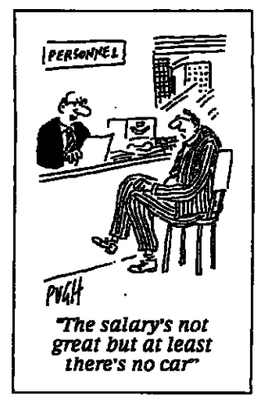
But the Deputy Prime Minister's 170-page White Paper *A new deal for transport: better for everyone* confirmed that some of his more radical ideas — including taxes on parking spaces at out-of-town supermarkets and city centre stores — have been dropped. Tony Blair is believed to have ruled that they would be a step too far in upsetting the Middle England voters who switched to Labour in 1997.

The Conservatives said that Mr Prescott had missed a big opportunity. It was "jams today and taxes tomorrow".

Gillian Shephard, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said the White Paper would mean

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"The salary's not great but at least there's no car"

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Benefits may go direct to mothers

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

WEEKLY state benefits may be paid directly to women in a shake-up of the present rules by Harriet Harman, Social Security Secretary. The change would leave many men with just pocket money from the State to cover their needs, while women would take official charge of family finances.

The move — the most radical since Miss Harman, the Secretary of State for Social Security, was appointed Cabinet Minister for women's issues — is part of her determination to modernise a social security system that she believes has failed to keep pace with changes in society.

But, before pressing ahead with the change, she will order a research study to see how households do manage their budgets. She is convinced that in many cases, particularly in low-income families, it is women who manage the purse-strings and budget for the family.

She is also set to announce that the idea will be piloted in a number of areas to see if families back the idea of women getting any cash entitlements — such as the jobseeker's allowance, income support, family credit, disability living allowance, housing benefit and council tax benefit — for themselves and their children. In some cases, she believes, women might still prefer to receive cash from husbands or partners.

Miss Harman is also to spearhead a new publicity drive to make sure couples know that they may already opt to have cash paid directly to women. Benefits Agency staff tend to highlight the rule only when the male head of a household is an alcoholic or drug addict.

Schoolboys' woman friend has hepatitis, parents told

BY JOANNA BALE

A HEADTEACHER has warned the parents of hundreds of pupils that some youngsters may have been infected with hepatitis B by a local woman.

Several teenage boys at Paignton Community College, Devon, have been offered tests after the young woman named them as sexual partners or close friends when asked to help trace those at risk.

Although she has not been identified, she is a heroin addict and a single mother who lives near the mixed comprehensive school and may have had sex with as many as 40 boys. There are also fears that some pupils may have shared drug-taking equipment with her.

The warning letter was sent by Jane English to the parents of 700 pupils, aged 14 to 16, on Friday with details of a telephone helpline set up by South and West Devon Health Authority.

The Rev John Quinn, chairman of the governors, said: "I am aware that around 40 pupils have had contact with this woman but I do not think that all of them have had sex with her. Some people are like magnets and many young people socialised with each other at this woman's house."

Hundreds of worried parents who rang the helpline were told by doctors that the woman was a known drug user and that tests and immunisations were available for those worried.

One parent said: "Everyone is very worried because so many of the older pupils hung around with this woman. At least we know the score now and can get our kids tested."

The letter pointed out that most people were "unlikely to catch the disease" but that those at higher risk were people who inject drugs with shared needles and who have unprotected sex with someone carrying the virus.

There is no cure for hepatitis B, which is carried in blood and body fluids. Around 10 per cent of sufferers are infectious and can develop liver damage, although most people make a full recovery and are left with a life-long immunity. Symptoms include a mild flu-like illness and jaundice and can take up to six months to appear.

Paignton Community College, which is divided into an Upper and Lower School, has 1,600 pupils aged 11 to 18. Its academic record is poor — it came 79th out of 87 schools in Devon in the GCSE results tables last year.

Tidal wave's lost generation

Rescuers fear that the Papua New Guinea tidal wave may have killed 3,000 people.

A Franciscan missionary stationed on the hill above Sissano lagoon said that 70 per cent of the survivors were adults and that no children were coming into the local hospital. A generation of children may have been wiped out ..... Page 14

Galliano visits fantasyland

John Galliano's *haute couture* show at the Gare d'Austerlitz was the most extravagant Paris has seen.

Squaws, musketeers and Tudor and Stuart royalty disembarked from the Orient Express and strolled through changing scenes of souk and railway station ..... Page 3



Solicitors want Goofy weekend

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Law Society has drafted in Mickey Mouse and his pals to help its annual conference attract younger solicitors.

In an attempt to rid the conference of its image as a "golf tour for the middle aged", the Society has chosen Disneyland Paris for the three-day event next year.

Leaders hope that Space Mountain, Pirates of the Caribbean or a meeting with Mickey, Goofy and pals will attract a younger and larger audience than those at recent venues such as Bournemouth and Birmingham.

The Society rather solemnly announced the new venue as a "radical change in approach", explaining that "most solicitors are under 40 — at an age when they are likely to have family commitments which make it difficult to attend weekend conferences".

Disneyland Paris would enable them to combine attendance at a conference with a family holiday, it said.

The event is at half-term. The £1,300 package for a family of four includes a hotel, travel and rides. A normal Disneyland three-night package costs £350 per head, so the Law Society can boast that its deal is cheaper.

"One ring and I was covered," quips Jeweller.

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Brown dismisses unions' demand for extra £3bn

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN yesterday firmly rejected union leaders' demands for a £3 billion investment package to create jobs and head off a potential recession.

After an hour-long meeting with a TUC delegation, the Chancellor made clear that there would be no extra spending and that he was determined to keep a tight rein on public-sector pay.

Tonight Mr Brown will deliver the same message at a meeting of the trade union group of MPs at Westminster, amid signs that the Government is heading for a bitter confrontation with unions in the next few months.

On Sunday, the Amalgamated Engineering and Electricians Union withdrew £1 million from its annual donation to the Labour Party to spend on its own candidates for Labour's National Executive Committee. The decision to withhold the money followed concern that the NEC would be filled by Tony Blair's placemen.

Yesterday Roger Lyons, general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, said that failure to meet public-sector pay claims would build up a "reservoir of resentment".

Mr Lyons, who met Mr Brown at the Treasury yesterday, said that private-sector pay increases were running at about twice that of public-sector increases. He said that if pay continued to drift lower, the best people would leave the public sector.

But Mr Brown made clear that there would be no easing of pay restraints and no additional spending to the £57 billion announced last week. "This is not the right time or the right approach either for the economy or for the reforms that are necessary in the public services," a spokesman for Mr Brown said.

The delegation led by John Monks, the General Secretary of the TUC, warned the Chancellor that there was a two-speed economy, with near-recession in the manufacturing sector and growth in the private sector.

The £3 billion package was designed to cover an extension of the New Deal and related training measures, as well as bringing forward capital investment for social housing.

Mr Monks also urged Mr Brown to prepare now for entry to a single currency and to send out a clear signal that interest rates had peaked so that convergence criteria for economic and monetary union could be reached.

After the meeting Mr Monks said that the Chancellor had given him no encouragement that there would be any short-term boost to the economy, although discussions would continue between the two sides.

The delegation also included John Edmonds, TUC president, Barry Reamsbottom of the Public and Commercial Services Union, Ken Jackson of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union and Rita Donaghy of Unison.

Tonight's meeting with the trade union group of MPs was originally requested by Mr Brown to discuss the minimum wage.

Last night's defeat in the Lords on the Government's national minimum wage is bound to be raised, but the group of MPs will also express their concerns about the impact of pay restraint on the morale of public service workers.

Minimum wage defeat in Lords

BY POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government was defeated yesterday on a key part of its minimum wage legislation when the House of Lords backed a raft of potential exemptions from the flagship policy.

Peers voted by 161 to 103 for amendments to the National Minimum Wage Bill that would allow ministers to exclude any region, industry, age group or type of job if they thought it necessary once the policy had been tried and tested.

It was the 30th defeat inflicted on the Government by the Lords since the general election. Although it is certain to be overturned when the Bill returns to the Commons, it provides Labour with further ammunition in the run-up to reform of the second chamber.

During a debate on the amendments, Lord Clinton-Davis, the Trade Minister, accused the Opposition of trying to wreck the Bill. He said that the Government did not claim to have have got "absolutely everything right" in the legislation, but the introduction of a national minimum wage had been a fundamental part of Labour's election platform and it must apply universally. "There have been some minor exemptions to that. But we are not in the business of excluding whole swathes of people."

For the Tories, Baroness Miller of Hendon said that the party had accepted the inevitable introduction of a national minimum wage although it did not support the policy.

She insisted that the amendments were simply an attempt to prevent the Government from making "a horrendous mistake".

Lady Miller said that the Conservatives did not believe there was a need for every exemption allowed by their amendment, but thought that the President of the Board of Trade should have the power to exclude certain groups in future without having to return to Parliament.

KIERAN DOHERTY



John Prescott leaves the Commons in chauffeur-driven style after urging motorists to leave their cars at home

Savaged road rage victim finds himself up before a vicious beak

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Tooth extraction is never pleasant but for your sketchwriter there was a silver lining: my ordeal yesterday took me away from John Prescott's statement on his comprehensive transport strategy. Whatever horrors the dentist's chair may hold, they are nothing compared with a Prescott oration. As the syringe loomed I counted myself lucky.

Arriving at the Chamber as Mr Prescott sat down, I was just in time to hear the response from his Tory Shadow, Gillian Shephard.

On the Isle of Wight the remains of a small, sharp-beaked predator from the Jurassic age have recently been discovered. Previously unnamed, the bird-lizard was a vicious hunter. It may be a forebear of today's mammals. Observing Mrs Shephard clawing her prey it is possible to believe this. The creature should be named the Gillidactyl. I watched her with a thin stream of blood trickling down the back of my throat. The sensation was peculiarly appropriate.

Mrs Shephard fixed Prescott with a beady eye and pecked relentlessly at him. Her questions were interminable. What were his targets and how would he monitor them? What about land-use planning? What was he going to do to make cars greener? How was local authority grant to be redistributed — and, while she was on the subject, what about the cost of diesel? "My word!" she said, the plan had been "oversold".

Mr Prescott gazed at her in blank, jowly horror as she screeched. There is, apparently, a *Mr* Shephard — Tom. One pictures Tom at breakfast, the Gillidactyl warming up for her parliamentary day. "*Why* cornflakes, Tom? *Don't* burn the toast. Why so much sugar in your tea? How can you have finished the marmalade in a week? What are your body-weight targets and how do you plan to monitor them?"

As the Gillidactyl's merciless twitter went on — and on, and on — I reached for Mr Prescott's text, and speed-read. The words "bus" or "buses" occurred more than a score of times in the first couple of pages — and then disappeared completely from his plan. Isn't that always the way? You wait fifteen months for a comprehensive spending review, then twenty buses come along at once. Then nothing till the millennium.

Reading from prepared statements these days, the Deputy Prime Minister speaks and looks increasingly as though he were delivering his text at gunpoint. But in impromptu answers a bit of the old Prescott still shows through. Becoming confused between roads and motorways, Mr Prescott promised rotorways to one Labour backbencher.

"When you do a gas the gas comes out of the car and if the car's not moving you get less gas," he announced to startled MPs. "My honourable friend the legislative committees," he declared, in an apparent reference to House Leader Ann Taylor.

"Consumer bodices," were another novelty unveiled yesterday. The comprehensive spending review became, at one point in his answers, "the compulsory spending review".

Nick Hawkins (C, Surrey Heath) recalled the transport supremo's promise to "put his money where his mouth is". But if Mr Prescott put his money where his mouth was the nation would be bankrupted. His mouth is all over the place.

Liberal Democrat spokesman Matthew Taylor ("Liberals are always holier than holy," complained Prescott crossly) suggested that if workplace parking was to be taxed, MPs' free parking at Westminster should bear the new levy too.

"Steady on!" called Labour backbenchers.



The Gillidactyl: a vicious hunter

Tolls and taxes will pay for new age of transport

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"extra taxes for road users, more regulation and more bureaucracy".

Even so the White Paper was seen last night as the first serious attempt to change Britain's traditional car-driving habits.

The Deputy Prime Minister announced a wide-ranging series of measures to make public transport more reliable, efficient and attractive in order to discourage unnecessary car journeys and deter the ownership of second and third cars. There will be an extra £1.8 billion of funds for local transport, bus services, the railways and the London Underground.

After mounting complaints about the privatised rail industry, Mr Prescott announced the creation of a new strategic rail authority to monitor the train companies with tougher and earlier penalties for transgressions. "If these companies continue to fail the passenger they will lose the right to operate," Mr Prescott told MPs. Some 17 of the existing franchises come up for renewal within the next six years.

Mr Prescott declared that the country wanted a better transport system that did not damage the environment and people's health. It was not an attack on the car. "Mondeo man can breathe a sigh of relief and breathe a little easier because this will give him cleaner air, less congestion and better transport choice," Mr Prescott said. "The car will remain an important symbol of a prosperous, inclusive, mobile society."

As expected he announced a massive boost for the bus industry, with better buses, more dedicated lanes, more frequent services, and firmer penalties against the bus lane "road hogs". He declared that the days of the cowboy bus operator were over.

There is to be a national minimum concessionary fares scheme guaranteeing at least half fares for every pensioner in Britain.

Councils will have to produce local transport plans comprising a strategy for five years with targets for road safety, reducing pollution and cutting traffic congestion.

As widely trailed there are to be proposals to cut back on the traditional "school run" by encouraging children, where possible, to cycle or walk to school along "safe" routes or with adult supervision. Supermarkets that offer bus services for their shoppers or home delivery services will be encouraged by local authorities.

The emphasis throughout the paper was on producing an "integrated" system that would allow people to switch from one form of transport to another. There is to be a new independent commission for integrated transport to monitor targets and make regular reports to ministers.

Heralding a "revolution in information to the passenger" Mr Prescott said that within two years people would be able to obtain information on all forms of transport by telephone, teletext or the Internet.

He also gave the go ahead to 41 tonne lorries on six axles from January next year, explaining that five axle lorries cause more damage to the roads.

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in her care. "You were a registered childminder and you took Joseph into your care. For reasons which are not wholly clear, you lost your temper and shook him with such ferocity that he met his death . . . it was a terrible thing to do."

Stacey had been convicted on a majority verdict after a six-day trial with chilling echoes of the Matthew Eappen case in Boston, Massachusetts. The jury was told that she had shaken Joseph with such severity that he was like a rag doll when his father came to collect him. The boy had suffered severe brain damage and died within hours. Like the British au pair Louise Woodward, Stacey insisted during hours of questioning by police and again in evidence in court that she had done nothing to harm the child.

After the case, Joseph's parents Anthony and Corinne Mackin issued a statement saying: "While satisfied with the guilty verdict, we remain concerned as to the events of May 13, 1997 and as to Helen Stacey's registration by the authorities as a childminder. We do not want Joseph to have died in vain and will therefore continue in our efforts to establish whether adequate checks were undertaken by the authorities on her registration."

David Wright, Norfolk's director of social services, said later: "If Helen Stacey had been truthful in her application, she would not have been registered. She successfully deceived both Norfolk social services and Norfolk police.

"She avoided being found out by not revealing her previous married name which would have led to further information about her past being revealed. This was not accidental admission." She had also denied any previous convictions and signed a declaration that she was not receiving medical treatment or drugs which was untrue.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Daughter sees death of boat champion

A powerboat racing champion was killed in a race a week after winning his latest world title. Andrew Chesman, 52, died in a collision as his eldest daughter, Joanne, watched from the bank.

The accident happened on Sunday during the European Formula 500 Championships in Hamburg. Miss Chesman, 29, said yesterday: "Eleven boats crossed the line at the start of the race when, suddenly, there was a big bang. I knew straight away that it was serious. It was very sudden and he wouldn't have suffered." Mr Chesman, from Coventry, was divorced and had two other daughters. He held several world titles and last week won the world 500cc championship in Sweden.

Al Fayed decision

Scotland Yard said that Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, would not be charged over allegations that employees broke into a safe deposit box owned by his business rival Tiny Rowland three years ago. The decision, which came at the end of a ten-month police investigation, may be the subject of an appeal by Mr Rowland, who is pursuing separate civil proceedings against Mr Fayed.

Ulster inquiry

Only ten of the hundreds of soldiers on duty in Londonderry on "Bloody Sunday" have come forward to testify before an inquiry into the shooting of 14 unarmed protesters. The Ministry of Defence had failed to trace the others who took part in the events that ended with the killings 26 years ago, the inquiry tribunal was told on the opening day of a three-day preliminary hearing in Londonderry yesterday.

Boy rapist

A boy who raped a girl aged five when he was 12 years old was yesterday sent to a detention centre for three years. His name will go on the register of sex offenders for the rest of his life. His friend, the girl's uncle, admitted indecently assaulting her at the same time. He was detained for one year and put on the register for five years by a judge at Leeds Crown Court. The boys, now both 13, attacked the girl near Harehills cemetery.

Lawrence praise

The courage of Stephen Lawrence's parents was praised as the first stage of the inquiry into the black teenager's killing ended. The tribute by Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, the chairman, was applauded. Stephen's mother, Doreen Lawrence, demanded the resignation of Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, saying the force's attitude to black people had not improved since the murder in 1993.

Schools failing

Schools in Hackney, East London, may become the first to be run by central Government if the local council fails to improve standards of education within the next nine months. A government report yesterday said the borough's schools were still being held back by the council's management and financial failings. Last year, an Ofsted report demanded a government inquiry into how the council ran its education authority.

Army recruiting

The manpower shortage in the Army has begun to be reversed, the Armed Forces Minister told the Commons yesterday. John Reid said that there were 1,500 more soldiers compared with a year ago. On June 1 there were 113,500 trained and untrained (recruits) soldiers, compared with 112,000 on May 1 last year. Although the Army is still short of 3,000 recruits, it said the manpower figures were the best since 1991.

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Hypnotist tells judge how he breaks the spell

Paul McKenna denies being unprofessional with volunteer. Deborah Collcutt reports

ANYONE looking in on the High Court yesterday could have been forgiven for thinking the judge was falling under the defendant's spell.

Paul McKenna, the stage hypnotist, was running through a few of his sketches. At the request of his counsel, he outlined the de-hypnotising process that comes at the end of the act.

He said: "My de-hypnotising routine takes about three minutes with music, and I tell the participants, 'You're going to remember amusing and enjoyable things from this show — the ballet dancing and the Martians'."

Turning to Mr Justice Toulson, he continued: "When you awaken, you will again be in control of your own destiny, you will feel refreshed, relaxed, and alert with a deep inner joy and renewed optimism."

Mr McKenna was giving evidence on the sixth day of a hearing in which Christopher Gates, who volunteered to take part in one of his shows, is claiming £250,000 from him for mental illness that he claims he suffered as a result. Mr McKenna denies claims by Mr Gates that he was brought out of his trance in an unprofessional manner.

Mr McKenna, who told the court he had suspended live stage performances in this country pending the outcome of the court case, said of the thousands of volunteers he had hypnotised, only Mr Gates claimed to have suffered serious side effects.

Asked by his counsel, Roger Henderson, if he believed stage hypnosis could trigger schizophrenia, Mr McKenna replied: "No, I didn't believe it then and I don't believe it now."

Mr Gates, 30, was remembered by the entertainer as the "star of the show" during a performance at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, in March, 1994. Nine days later, Mr Gates, from High Wycombe, was admitted to hospital suffering an acute schizophrenic episode and says that he has been unable to work as a furniture polisher since then.

Mr McKenna, who denies claims by Mr Gates that he put him in a trance before he left the audience to volunteer, said: "I remember he was keen to participate, and I remember him as enjoying the show." He also countered suggestions by Mr Gates and his girlfriend, Beverley Gibbs, who watched the show, that the lighting, music, and atmosphere were deliberately "spooky", designed to entice vulnerable members of the audience.

He said: "One piece of music is from *Thunderbirds*, the children's TV show. The lights only dim when the participants are being hypnotised, and I have never hypnotised people in their seats."

Asked if any of his volunteers had displayed signs of distress or illness on stage similar to the symptoms described by Mr Gates, Mr McKenna said two people had fainted because of the intense heat of the stage lighting, and a few had become tearful.

"What about inappropriate laughter?," Mr Henderson asked. "Yes, a couple of times," Mr McKenna replied. "As serious as Mr Gates?" "No". He said that on leaving the stage, Mr Gates appeared to have left the trance and returned to normal.

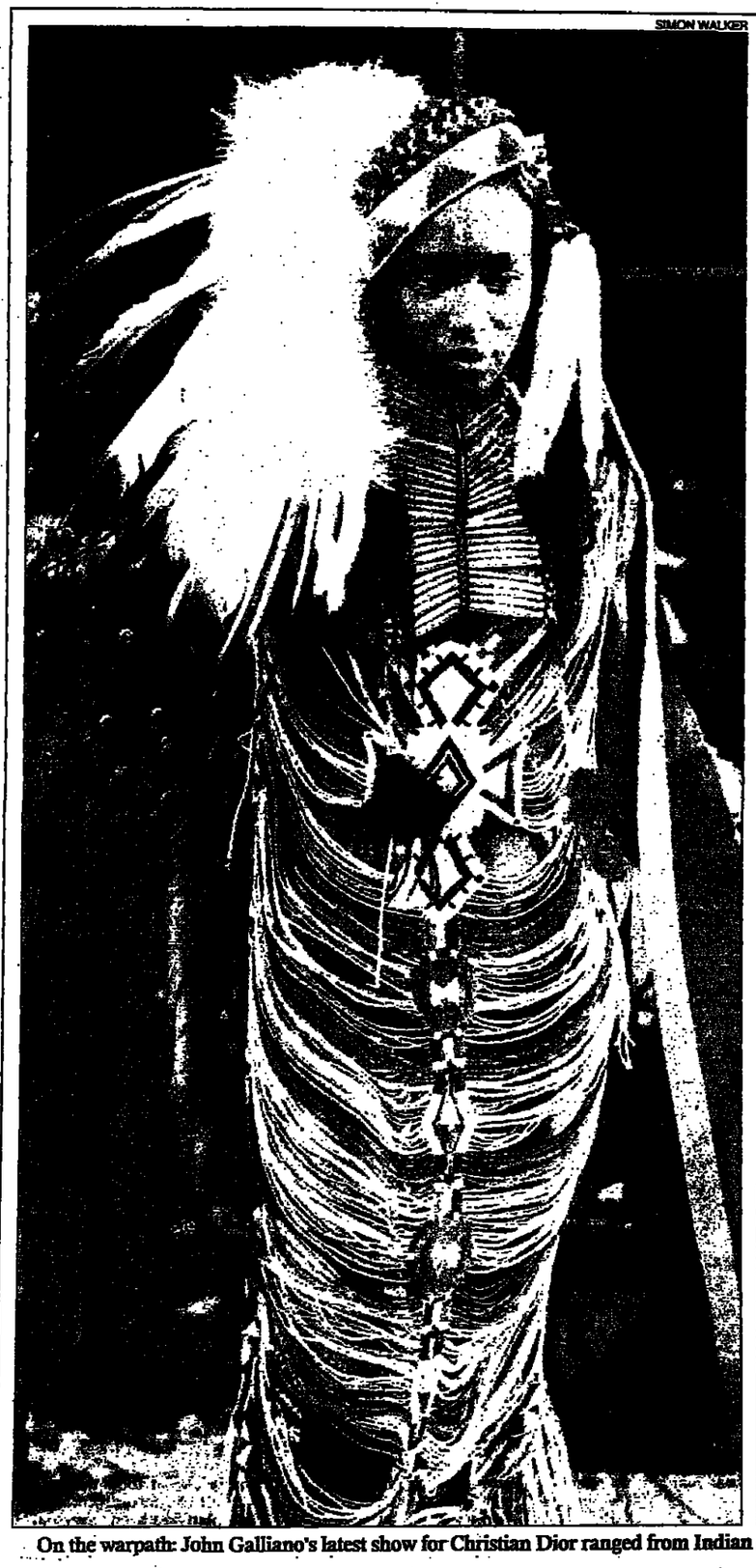
To claims that Mr McKenna re-hypnotised Mr Gates over the telephone after being contacted by Miss Gibbs a few days after the show, he replied: "During the conversation, Mr Gates said that he was becoming angry. I said everything would be OK — it's a standard part of counselling. I tried to remain calm and do my best to reassure him."

Mr McKenna took the court through his career from his days as a local radio disc jockey to television show host, performing live to hundreds of thousands of people nationwide. He recalled having to rely on friends to scrape the money together to hire the Duke of York's theatre in London for his first hypnotism show, and barely filling the 600-seat auditorium. He had been performing his hypnosis shows on Broadway in New York immediately before returning to London for the court case, which continues.



Christopher Gates, left, claims mental problems after acting as a volunteer in Paul McKenna's stage show

SIMON WALKER



On the warpath: John Galliano's latest show for Christian Dior ranged from Indian princesses to fantastic and impractical costume drama

Galliano goes off the rails in fashion fantasy

FROM GRACE BRADBERRY IN PARIS

THEY must surely be the most extravagant fashion shows ever staged.

Last season John Galliano turned the Paris Opera into the *Ballets Russes* for his Christian Dior *haute couture* presentation. Yesterday he sent the Orient Express bursting through a curtain of orange silk on a platform at the Gare d'Austerlitz.

Enthroned on the front was an Indian squaw and a chief. Later Princess Pocahontas appeared in a fabulous costume of diamond-patterned silk, chenille, velvet appliqué, claret taffeta, and a great blanket of needlecord velvet.

The designer's critics say it is nothing but costume drama and that he has lost touch with reality, but how much reality can there be in a world where dresses start at £20,000? And even at that price, there was less than ever to wear amid the historical pageantry. As the 33 models piled off the train (officially an *haute couture* show should feature 50 outfits), it became clear that Galliano was on his wildest trip of all.

In a bizarre historical fusion, musketeers, Tudor kings and Stuart princes left the steam train and wandered through changing scenes of souk and railway station created on the platform.

The gold-brocaded frock coats and breeches, the enormous sculpted Indian blanket coats with sign patterns, lined with 18th-century style silks, were stunning. No one, however, is likely to wear them again.

But then, no one expects wearability from Galliano. This is fashion as fantasy: ermine collars, a doeskin coat embroidered with oak leaves, butterflies and strawberries, thigh boots covered in gold Lys de France patterns.

In his four seasons at Dior, Galliano, the 38-year-old St Martins graduate, has undoubtedly created his own silhouette, with tiny bar jackets, long narrow skirts, and elongated Masai-beaded necks.

But some of Galliano's shapes are never going to be worn, like the short coats, the hems tucked up inside with ribbons. The designer describes them as "filled with air like a Zephyr balloon". But few women want to look like a balloon, nor like the Holbein portrait of Henry VIII, which was the inspiration for another outfit.

What the Dior clients may order are the long, lean coat-dresses. Galliano has dubbed it the missionary line. The Renaissance silhouette could just about slip into 20th-century life.

However unreal his shows may be, some of the world's wealthiest women obviously adore Galliano. Jocelyne Wildenstein, Manhattan's most famous plastic surgery patient, was present.



Bentley's co-accused may prove innocence

BY ADRIAN LEE

A POLICEMAN'S killer is willing to provide fresh evidence that could prove the innocence of Derek Bentley, 45 years after he was hanged for murder.

As the appeal against Bentley's conviction began yesterday, Christopher Craig said he was prepared to testify that Bentley tried to stop him firing. The evidence was not heard at the men's trial, in 1952, on the instructions of Mr Craig's lawyer, who feared that it would harm his client's case.

Mr Craig, who was convicted of murder but was too young to be executed with Bentley, has taken a lie detector test and could give evidence at the High Court tomorrow if his evidence is ruled admissible.

At the original trial police alleged that Bentley, aged 19 at the time of the shooting on the roof of a South London warehouse, shouted to his accomplice: "Let him have it, Chris."

That evidence in effect condemned Bentley, who had a mental age of 11, to death, even though Mr Craig fired the shot and Bentley was not carrying a gun.

Mr Craig is prepared to describe for the first time in court how Bentley remonstrated with him when he realised he (Craig) was armed with a Colt.45. Edward Fitzgerald, QC, for Bentley, said the execution was "nothing short of cruel".

Robbers shoot aid worker in Kenyan capital

FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI AND ADAM FRESCO

A BRITISH aid worker was shot dead as he dined alone at a popular international restaurant in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

Colin Baker, 45, from Sussex, who worked for ActionAid, was walking to the till to pay for his meal at the Papa Loca Mexican restaurant in the Westlands area when armed raiders burst in and shot him twice in the chest on Sunday night.

Colleagues said they believed that the gunmen panicked when they saw Mr Baker walking towards them. Other reports suggested he did not understand the command to lie on the ground and his hesitation cost him his life.

The robbers got away with 74,000 Kenyan shillings, about £740. Mr Baker had recently moved to Kenya as the London-based agency's assistant Africa director.

His wife, from whom he is separated, and his four sons, who are all over 16, were told of his death yesterday.

He joined ActionAid in 1989 and worked in Mozambique. Mr Baker later moved to Malawi, where his involvement in ActionAid's Seeds Programme ensured the survival of more than one million families during one of its worst droughts.

In 1994 he led emergency work in Goma among Rwandan refugees forced into Zaire. Two years later, Mr Baker was appointed director of the organisation's Burundi operation, which was commended for its success in peace building and reconciliation.

He was appointed assistant director for Africa two months ago. ActionAid said the post capitalised on his knowledge of the region. "He'll leave a huge gap as a colleague and a friend," Colin Williams, ActionAid's Africa director, said yesterday. "He was really at home in Africa which is where he most wanted to be."

☐ The main suspect in the murder of the British tourist Julie Ward did not appear in court in Nairobi as expected yesterday. Simon ole Makallah, a former game park warden in the Masai Mara game reserve where Ms Ward was killed ten years ago, was arrested on Friday. He is expected to appear in court shortly.



Baker: died as he went to pay at restaurant

Rider, 17, dies after fall during polo game

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A TEENAGE polo player died after she was thrown from a horse during a Pony Club event. Laura Millington, 17, from Crowle, near Worcester, suffered serious neck and back injuries after falling from the horse in the nearby village of Upton Snodsbury on Sunday.

Miss Millington, described as a competent rider, and her mother had been enjoying a game of polocrosse — lacrosse on horseback — with the Croome Hunt Pony Club when the tragedy happened.

She was airlifted to Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, but died that night.

Devina Cannon, a Pony Club spokeswoman, said: "She was playing in a game with her mother when she simply fell off the horse. At first it seemed like a fairly innocuous fall and everyone was just expecting her to get up but she must have landed badly.

"Laura was a member of a keen and enthusiastic Pony Club family and a competent rider. Everyone involved with the Pony Club is very very sad and upset that this should have happened." Ms Cannon said that Miss Millington's family were devastated. Her mother said: "I am so upset that I cannot speak."

Miss Millington left school last year having taken eight GCSEs, and was studying at agricultural college.

An inquest is to be opened this week.

Trousers spare statue's blushes

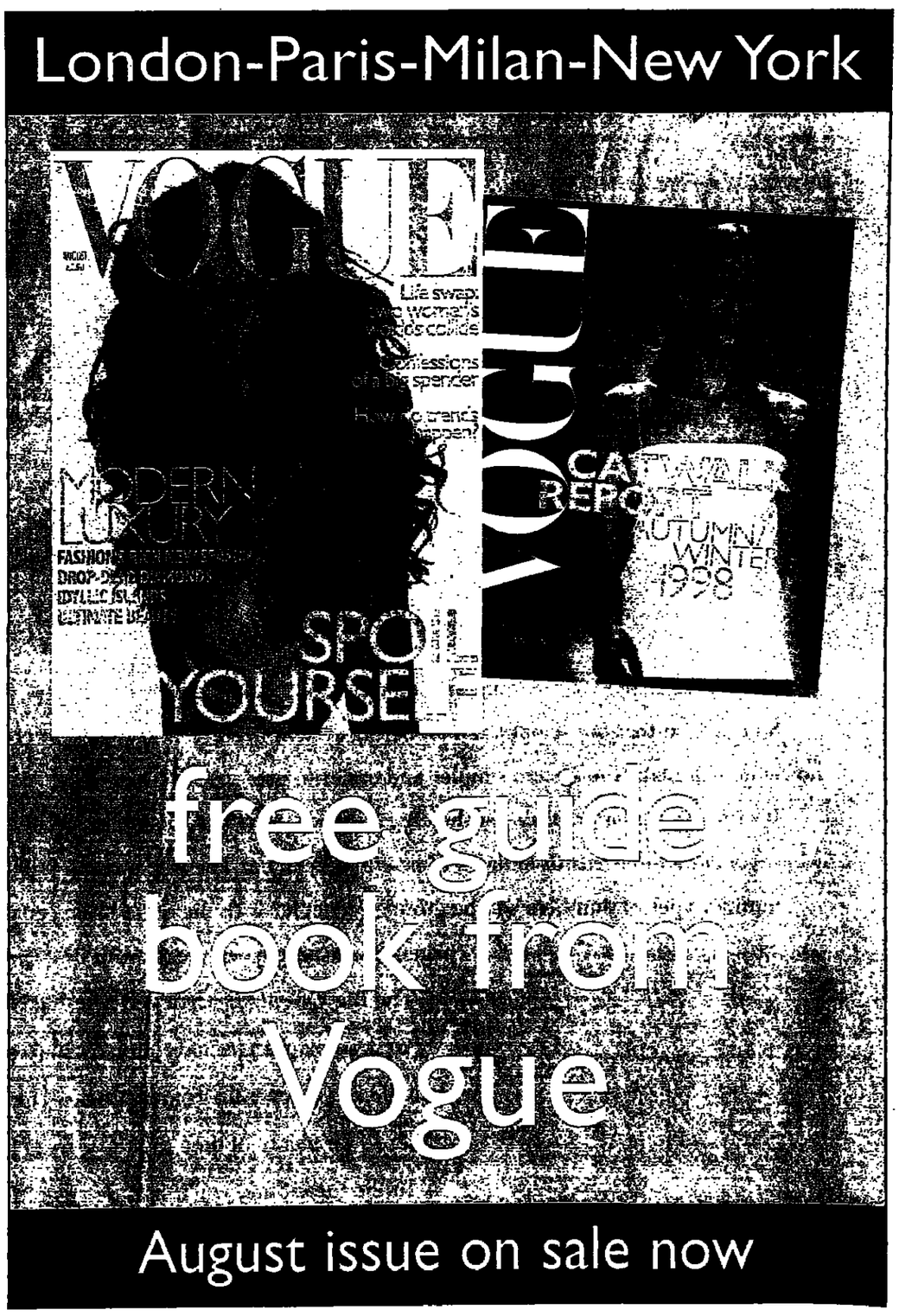
A £25,000 statue to honour the pioneers of jet aircraft looked clear for take-off yesterday after a cover-up operation ordered by aerospace veterans.

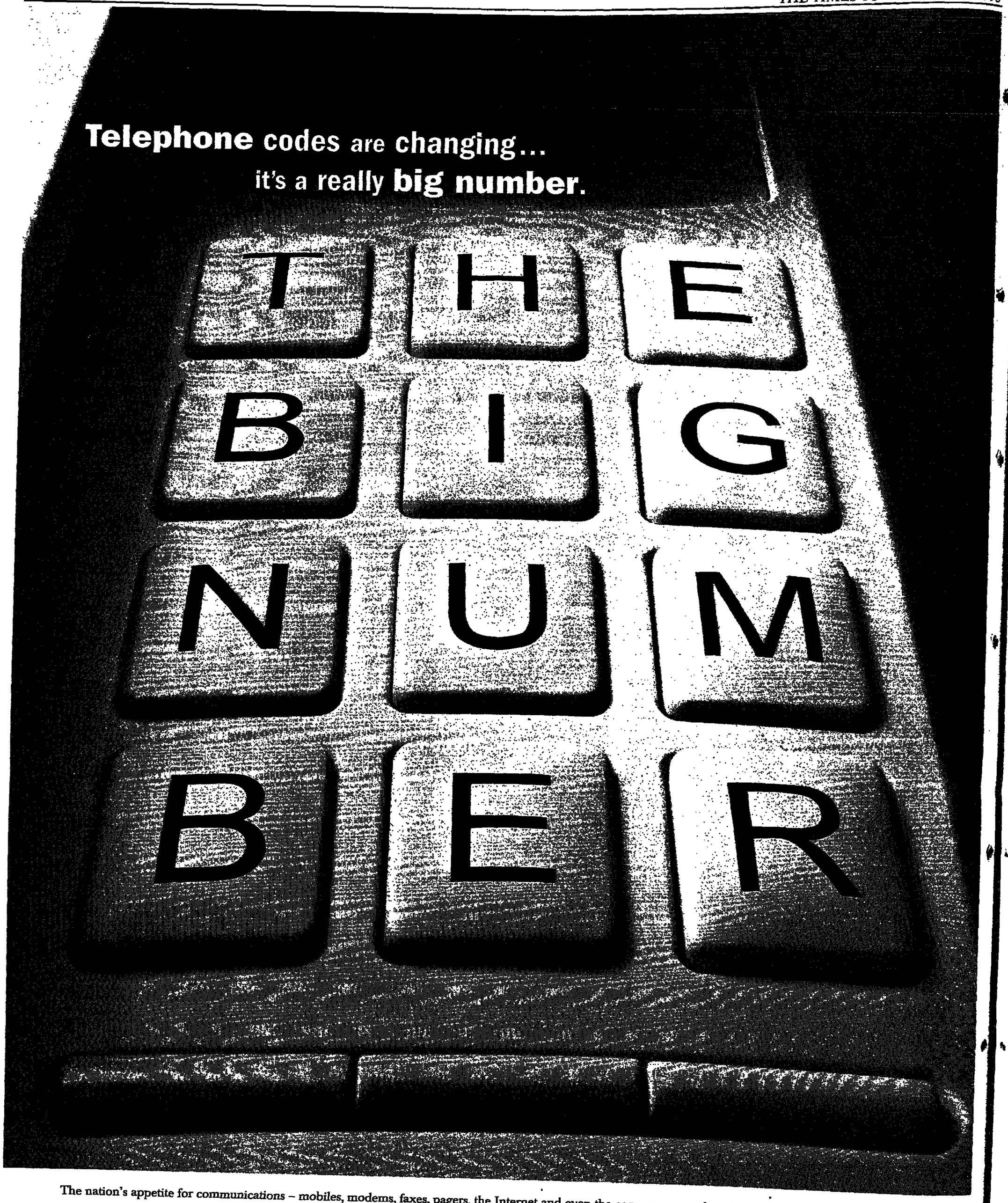
The 10ft figure, called *The Aircraft Worker*, originally depicted a figure standing on a jet engine with his hands over his ears. But former aerospace workers dismissed the sculpture as "a bloke with no clothes on".

After a nine-month stand-off the sculptor Simon Stringer has added trousers to the figure and a revised model for the bronze figure has gone on display. Gloucester City Council commissioned the project 18 months ago to commemorate local links with the aerospace industry. Sir Frank Whittle developed the jet engine at Brockworth airfield, outside Gloucester, and Gloster Aircraft Company designed and built the celebrated Meteor and Javelin jets in the city.

The first draft of the tribute angered former workers at Gloster, later absorbed by British Aerospace, when it went on show last October. Opposition was led by Joan Thompson, from Hucclecote, Gloucestershire, a secretary at Gloster from 1947 to the early 1960s. When she saw the first model she said: "This does not mean 'aircraft worker' to me. It is a bloke without any clothes on. Aircraft workers all worked in overalls." After a series of public workshops to discuss the sculpture, a pair of bib-and-braces overalls has been added.

A model of the revised tribute is on show at the Gloucester Museum and Art Gallery. Paul Drake, arts development officer at the council, said it was a "fine piece of work". Mr Stringer was unavailable for comment yesterday.



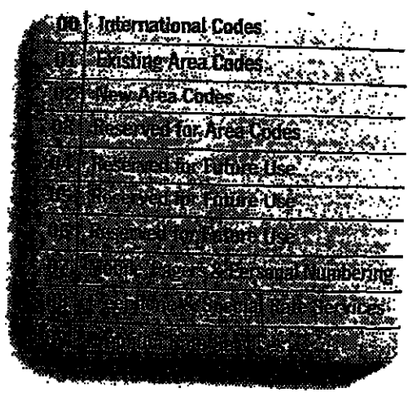


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£1.5m for pilot crippled in RAF jump-jet crash

By Adam Fresco

A FORMER pilot in the RAF who was crippled when the engine of his Harrier jump-jet exploded as he was hovering at 100ft yesterday accepted £1.5 million damages at the High Court.

In what is thought to be the first case of its kind, Flight Lieutenant Timothy Ellison, 38, sued the Ministry of Defence for the crash that left him a paraplegic. He claimed damages for personal injury and loss, alleging that the aircraft had not been properly maintained.

The agreement was reached just minutes before the officer, who had been with the RAF for 15 years, was to enter court. The case could lead to other Forces personnel suing the MoD after an accident.

Mr Ellison, a pilot for seven years, was returning to base at RAF Wittering after a training flight in May 1992 and was preparing to land when there was an explosion in the engine leading to a total loss of thrust. The aircraft crashed with Mr Ellison still at the controls because he did not have enough time to eject.

Sitting in court in his wheelchair next to his wife, Amanda, he listened as Stephen Irwin, QC, his counsel, announced that the MoD had agreed to settle his claim for



Ellison: broke his back in five places on impact

£1.5 million after last-minute negotiations outside court. The hearing before Mr Justice Ian Kennedy took less than a minute.

After the crash, which broke his back in five places, the father of one was unconscious for two weeks. He was told he would never walk again.

Not willing to accept that his flying days were over, he travelled to America where he joined a programme designed for injured Vietnam veterans at the Big Bear Flying School near Los Angeles. His wife and son divided their time between the training centre and home in Stamford, Lincolnshire, watching as he took to the skies again in a specially adapted plane.

Mr Ellison became the first paraplegic in the world to gain his airline transport licence, the highest civilian flying qualification, and six years after the accident he piloted his own plane 6,000 miles from America to land at RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire, the scene of the crash. As he landed he was watched by his wife and their five-year-old son George.

He said after the settlement yesterday: "I am very glad it's all over. Of course the accident meant the end of my flying career and I am very sad about that. Now I have the opportunity to get on with the rest of my life.

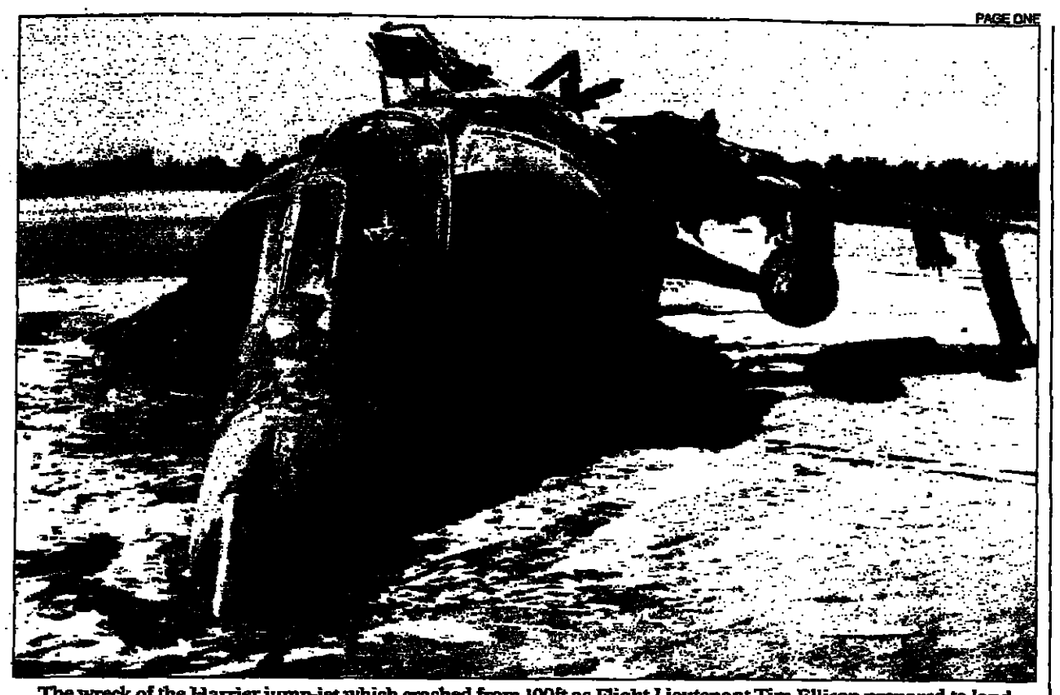
"I don't know what I am going to do now, that is one of the things I am going to have to think about.

"What happened to me was a one in a million thing. I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

An MoD spokesman said: "Ex-Flight Lieutenant Ellison submitted a claim for compensation from ourselves claiming the accident was caused by faulty maintenance procedures which caused one of the engine compressor blades to disintegrate, thus causing engine failure.

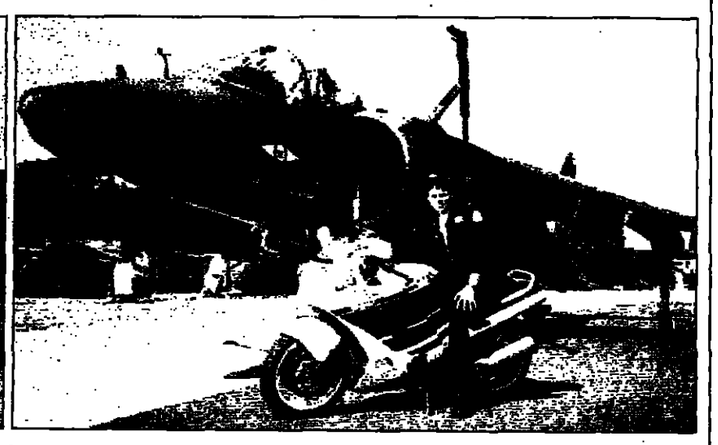
"Liability was admitted by the MoD and since then we have been in discussion with solicitors to reach a settlement which was completed today."

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The wreck of the Harrier jump-jet which crashed from 100ft as Flight Lieutenant Tim Ellison prepared to land at RAF Wittering in 1992. Below left, confined to a wheelchair and, right, on a motorcycle before the accident





Advertising director's hard-sell message to Blair

By Carol Midgley
Media Correspondent

A FILM-MAKER'S latest production took the form of a full-page advertisement in a national newspaper yesterday. It read in small type: "To Tony Blair. Get rid of the BBC. Tony Kaye."

Mr Kaye, the maker of television commercials ranging from the Venus In Furs car slalom for Dunlop tyres to the convention of babies for Vauxhall cars, said he had spent £11,000 on the *Guardian* advertisement gladly.



The *Guardian* advert

He wanted to get across his belief that the BBC was a "racist and archaic" institution — racist because it insisted on calling itself the British Broadcasting Corporation and archaic because it was steeped in tradition. Mr Kaye added that if the Prime Minister was to redirect money from the licence fee he could solve homelessness.

"A lot of what is wrong with British culture is in the signature of the BBC," he said yesterday from St Lucia. "If we could get rid of it we could move into the next millennium a much stronger force."

Mr Kaye said he had placed the advert after hearing that Mr Blair had urged people to "adopt a homeless person". Mr Kaye did that in 1995 when he asked Roger Powell, a homeless steelworker, to become a human work of art to be entered for the Turner Prize. His publicity stunts are well documented. He staged an exhibition where the centrepiece was a group of four Aids sufferers who took turns to recline naked on a couch surrounded by phials of their own infected blood. Visitors were encouraged to discuss the disease with them.

Both Downing Street and the BBC declined to comment.

☐ A television presenter is suing BBC Scotland for racial discrimination, alleging that he was sacked because he is English. Mark Souster, a presenter of *Rugby Special* in Scotland, alleges that his two-year contract was not renewed because of an anti-English bias within the corporation's Glasgow headquarters. His case is being supported by the Commission for Racial Equality. The BBC said it denied discrimination.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hindley plea gets legal aid

Myra Hindley has been granted legal aid to fight the decision of Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, that she must spent the rest of her life in jail. Last November Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that Home Secretaries had the power to make such decisions. A Court of Appeal hearing is set for October 5. Hindley, 56, has served 32 years for the murders of Lesley Ann Downey and Edward Evans. The Legal Aid Board said: "For aid to be granted there must be a reasonable case with a reasonable prospect of success."

Winding down

The BBC Radio 2 broadcaster John Dunn is to leave the early evening show he has presented for 23 years. Mr Dunn, 64, is not planning to retire. He said: "Before I get too decrepit I'd like the chance to be a real freelance broadcaster waiting for the phone to ring."

World Cup result

A carpenter from Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, was jailed for two months at Marseilles for throwing rocks at plainclothes police before England's World Cup match against Tunisia. Garry Wyatt, 30, said he acted out of self-defence when Tunisian fans attacked him.

Noises off

A dress rehearsal of *Capriccio*, starring Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, was interrupted for five minutes at Glyndebourne when an alarm clock rang continually in the audience. It was traced to the handbag of a middle-aged woman who did not realise it had gone off.

CORRECTION

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey was not (contrary to a Diary report, March 10) "kicked out" of Queen Mary and Westfield College as a student 35 years ago. She left by mutual consent due to illness. We apologise for the error and the embarrassment it has caused.

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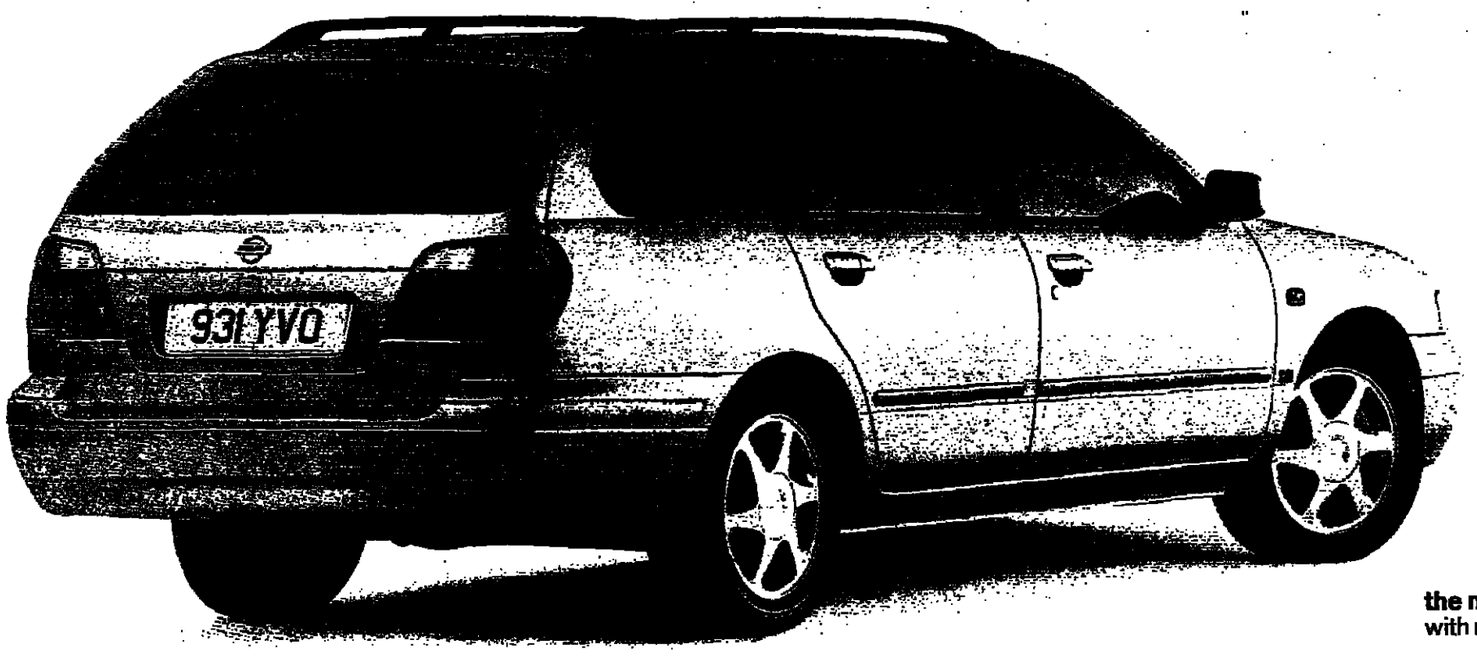
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How baby killer slipped through the net

Childminder kept prostitution and three children a secret from social services, writes **Michael Horsnell**

A SHOCKINGLY simple piece of deception enabled Helen Stacey to hide her past as a prostitute, and the fate of three of her children, from the authorities who vetted her as a childminder.

Stacey, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of five-month-old Joseph Mackin yesterday, was granted her registration certificate in December 1996 after extensive inquiries by social workers. Police records relating to Stacey, née Helen Green, were checked and to all appearances the woman married to John Stacey, a 46-year-old Norwich Union insurance administrator, was the respectable mother of a baby.

What she omitted to tell social services about was the life of Helen Owen — the life she had tried to put behind her. In 1975 Helen Green married Mick Owen. She was 18, he was 41, and their marriage was far from conventional. In the year of their wedding he was convicted of living off his wife's immoral earnings and fined £600.

By the time they separated six years later, Helen Owen had accumulated four convictions for soliciting, for which she was fined and once spent two days in Holloway prison, and two for shoplifting.

Owen was not just a pimp but also a compulsive gambler. The couple's first daughter, now aged 21, was taken into care as a baby after they abandoned her in a car in Norwich while he spent time in a bookmaker's and she went shopping. Their second daughter, now 19, was handed over to social workers in hospital after birth. The two sisters were subsequently adopted by a family in Cornwall. Stacey's third daughter, now 17, was also handed to an adoption agency.

Mick Owen, who now lives in the Norfolk village of Loddon and who made a living driving lorries carrying sugar beet, says that the 15-year-old girl he met at a caravan café at the old market in her native Norwich was "top of the pile" at her trade. "She was a blue-eyed blonde. She was very good at it, earning £600 a week. She took up soliciting because it was easy money and she went on the game at an early age. She spent her whole time at it."

He says that he was not surprised when he heard what had happened. "She was okay to our kid. She never did any harm. But she was always going out and about. She didn't want to stay at home. She wore smart, nice clean suits, high heels and leopard skin dresses."

The worlds of Helen Stacey and Corinne and Anthony Mackin, Joseph's parents, collided in March 1997 when they saw her name on an approved list of childminders from the same Norfolk social services department that had taken her last child into care 15 years earlier. At the time Mrs



Joseph: murdered

Mackin, 36, a former dental nurse and childminder, was completing six months maternity leave from Little Plumstead Hospital, near Norwich, where she worked as a nursing auxiliary. Her 32-year-old husband was a former RAF serviceman who became a civilian air traffic controller at RAF Coltishall. Joseph was their second child.

The couple decided they needed a second income and went to see Stacey at her neat and tidy modern, semi-detached house on the edge of North Walsham. The former Helen Owen had remarried, to John Stacey, a widower, and put her twilight trade behind her. The couple met at the Norwich Union where Mr Stacey was involved in insurance management and she was a secretary before becoming a pensions administrator. They married in April 1990 and Stacey gave up work to stay at home with their child, Monique, who is now 22 months old.

The Staceys also needed a second income and, in advertisments she placed in the window of the newsagents in North Walsham, Stacey expressed her willingness to work long and varied hours. She had installed all the paraphernalia demanded by the National Child Minders Association and the local authority: smoke alarms, a fire blanket, safety first furniture and fittings, a stair gate as well as toys and games. To get her application accepted, Stacey had also completed pre-registration courses, including one in first aid.

On the application form to become a childminder, she filled in her married name as Stacey and gave her maiden name as Green, omitting to declare that she had been married before and had been known as Helen Owen. Social services carried out inquiries into the background of Helen Green, the daughter of a retired Post Office worker, Ivan Green, and his wife, Brenda, who still live in the semi-detached bungalow in the Norwich suburb of Hellesdon where Stacey was brought up. They saw no cause for concern.

As Helen Stacey, she was an apparently suitable mother with a respectable husband. Neither inquiry revealed that she had three other children or a chequered past. Where asked whether she had any criminal convictions, Stacey left the form blank.

Norfolk County Council social services said: "If we had had an applicant with known convictions for soliciting whose own children had been taken into care there is no way we would have registered her as a childminder. Either matter would have disqualified her, as it states on forms sent to the applicant."

Soon after the death of baby Joseph the loophole through which Stacey was able to conceal her past was closed. After a multi-agency inquiry it was decided that applicants for a childminder's certificate would have to produce their marriage certificate, which indicates a previous marriage and enables full security checks to be made on the applicant's credentials. A medical report is also now required from the applicant's GP showing how many children she has. The latter would have shown that she suffered from severe depression.



ALBAN DONOHOE

Helen Stacey, pictured during her trial, appeared to be a respectable woman living in a house that was well equipped for child minding. Her husband, John, bottom right, was an insurance administrator. She omitted to tell social services about her life while married to Mick Owen

Parents did it by the book, but four days later son was dead

Mother believed she had done everything possible to check out Stacey, writes **Michael Horsnell**

JUST as Norfolk County Council concluded that Helen Stacey was a suitable childminder, the parents of Joseph Mackin decided she was an ideal carer for their son and his two-year-old sister, Samantha.

On Good Friday last year two standard contracts drawn up by the National Childminders Association were signed — one for Samantha and one for Joseph. The Mackins arranged for them to spend their first day with the woman who was to kill Joseph on May 8, bringing with them jam sandwiches, juice and yoghurt for Samantha, baby food, chocolate pudding and milk for her brother.

Joseph was a contented, chubby baby weighing 17lb who enjoyed his food and smiled at everyone. He had been expected to be born on Christmas Day in 1996 but was born five weeks prematurely on November 20 at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.

Two uneventful days passed in Stacey's care before he was baptised on May 11. But two days later — the fourth day of his care at Stacey's house — Joseph was to be found by his father at the point of death, his eyes rolling, his skin slate-grey, his lips blue and his little body floppy like a rag doll.

Stacey, he recalled, was wringing her hands and looking strangely nervous. He rushed the boy to his GP, Richard Young, who was unable to resuscitate him and then followed an ambulance to hospital which stopped on the way while electric shock treatment was tried.

Joseph had deep bruising round his neck, where he had been gripped by Stacey, and devastating brain injuries. As the baby lay dying in his bouncy chair she had made a 12-minute call to a friend in hospital.

Mrs Mackin, who has been unable to return to work since she lost her baby, remembers the last time she saw him alive. He had woken for a 4am feed and nappy change.

"That morning he was fine, his usual smiling self. He was kicking about making cooing noises. He had rosy cheeks but I think that was because he was teething. I put him back to bed. I left home for work at 6.20am. Joseph was just lying in the cot, looking at his mobile. He was fine."

Before the start of the trial Mrs Mackin said: "I thought I had done everything I could to check Helen Stacey out."

Her husband said: "She doesn't want to leave Samantha alone. She has good days and bad days as we both do."

Mr Mackin maintains that the baby was content and happy when he dropped him off and gave his carer a smile upon arrival. But Stacey maintains he was grizzly throughout the day and that after lunch his breathing became "snuffly" and his eyes unfocused.

She said she did not become overly concerned until after 3pm but still thought it unnecessary to call a doctor, not least because she was expecting Mr Mackin within an hour. She claimed too that she had forgotten that she had taken the telephone numbers not only of Joseph's parents but his GP at the Paston surgery a mile away.

The truth was that after shaking Joseph with all her force she hoped that all would be well.

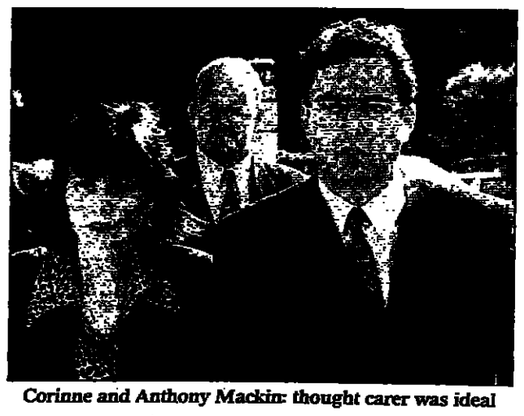
Stacey had gone into childminding to be at home to care for her own daughter, Monique. She had known two other childminders and enjoyed looking after children, she later told police.

Before taking on Joseph and his sister, she had been engaged to care for two-year-old Caroline Hibbs, the daughter of an RAF serviceman and his wife. During 14 sessions with the little girl there was no hint of difficulty. Yet, at 8.20am the day after Joseph's death, she carried on as if nothing had happened.

Tracey Hibbs, Caroline's mother, said: "She seemed her normal self with no hint that there was anything wrong. We collected Caroline at 3.20pm and had coffee." Mrs Hibbs, a near neighbour of the Mackin family in North Walsham, added: "We never had any cause for concern while our daughter was in Helen Stacey's care."

Sally Body, Stacey's landlady and a close friend who is a former registered childminder, used to hand over her son Oliver for babysitting once or twice a month for a few hours over a period of two years. She said: "There was no problem with her looking after Oliver."

Michelle Holgate, a health visitor, visited Stacey twice after the death of Joseph to "comfort" her, believing that he had been the victim of sudden infant death syndrome. She said: "I felt I had to go and see if she was all right."



Corinne and Anthony Mackin: thought carer was ideal

The patchwork system of care

Alexandra Frean on the web of provision and varied regulation

BRITAIN'S patchwork system of childcare, with provision from the voluntary, private and state sectors, is inconsistent and confusing. Some services come under the Children Act 1989 or various education Acts, others are totally unregulated.

Smacking is illegal in state-funded nursery schools and classes but legal for childminders and independent schools. Child/carer ratios vary widely. Facilities registered under the Children Act are inspected every year, while inspections under education legislation are carried out every four years.

Childminders are self-employed carers based in their own homes who look after children from babyhood to school age. Costs are negotiated individually but tend to range from £60 to £120 a week for a full-time place.

Childminders are registered and inspected by local authorities. Police records of the childminder and anyone else in her household aged 16 or over will be checked. Most local authorities will also ask for a reference from the woman's health visitor or GP and two personal references from non-relatives.

Local authorities will also make their own checks. If the applicant has lived in the area for less than five years, the local authority ought also to check with authorities where she lived previously.

Childminder applicants who have had a care order placed on their own children will not automatically be turned down for registration. If, for example, a woman's children have been taken into care because she was forced to go to hospital for treatment, they would not necessarily count against her.

Nannies are employed by parents to look after children in their own home. They either live in or out and can cost between £100 and £350 a week.

Despite vigorous campaigning from childcare agencies and nannies themselves for a licensing system, the Government's Better Regulation Task Force vetoed the idea last week, arguing that parents must make their own judgment over whom to employ.

Au pairs are employed by parents to look after children and to help around the home. They are usually young women from overseas on time-limited visas. Au pairs, who get free food and lodging, can be paid as little as £40 a week. They are not regulated but guidelines recommend that au pairs do no more than five hours' light housework and childcare each day.

Day nurseries provide care for children while their parents work, study or are busy elsewhere. Some take babies from six weeks but many are for children aged two to five. Waiting lists can be long. Costs start at £180 a week. Sometimes local authorities will pay the fees for children deemed to be "in need".

Nurseries are registered with the local authority and are inspected annually.

Pre-schools or playgroups provide play sessions for children aged about three to five. They are often set up by parents, who help to run them. Sessions are about two and a half hours long and can cost about £2.50. Playgroups are registered with local authorities.

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Life can be a trial for bishops' better halves

Spouses meet to discuss problems from dirty socks to men playing the hostess, reports **Ruth Gledhill**

WHILE the 800 archbishops and bishops of the Anglican communion met yesterday to debate such weighty subjects as morality and international debt, their spouses were discussing their own problems, such as how to make a bishop pick up his dirty socks.

They were told that being a bishop's wife or husband can be lonely, pressurised and stressful. Difficulties include buying clothes, travelling, entertaining on a limited budget and coping when the bishop is being criticised or put down. It could also be difficult to cope when the bishop failed to get that hoped-for move or promotion.

The 600 bishops' wives and four bishops' husbands were meeting in the Lambeth conference "spouses' programme" at Kent University, Canterbury, to discuss "the role of the bishop's spouse". They were told that they should try to find a "soul friend" to share their problems. They must learn to ask for help and "to rely on God". Wives and husbands of bishops could suffer because their spouses spent so much time doing God's work that they neglected their families.

Four of the eleven women bishops, attending the conference for the first time, brought their spouses with them to take part in the separate programme, organised by Eileen Carey, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

One bishop's husband described how, when his wife was promoted, they moved to a diocese where his predecessor had a reputation as a splendid hostess and for being highly active in women's groups.

Dr Ian Jamieson, 58, an academic and husband of the Right Rev Penny Jamieson, the British-born Bishop of Dunedin in New Zealand, said one of those areas was completely closed to him because he was not a woman, and the other was partly closed because he could not cook. However, in travelling round his wife's 75,000 sq mile diocese he was able to share in her ministry. "Privilege, that's a word I want to cling to," he said. "The bishop's spouse's life has for me been one of great privilege."

The bishop's life was often one of sharing the pain of other people's disasters and tragedies, he said. A spouse could help to make that more tolerable. "Not of course that I know many of the reasons for any particular pain," he added. "As you well know there are large parts of a bishop's ministry which should not, and cannot, be explained to a spouse."

Elizabeth Appleby, wife of the Right Rev Richard Appleby, Bishop of the Northern Territory, Australia, said: "I have been an episcopal spouse for 15 years. Some might say I am an old-fashioned bishop's wife and in a way that is true."

She said that just because the young priest or theological student the spouse married many years ago had become a bishop, that should not mean the spouse had to force themselves to fit some preordained mould of an episcopal spouse.

Being a bishop's wife could be a crown of thorns. "Some people expect bishops and their spouses to be superhuman, to cope in all situations," she said. "It can be difficult for us to know where to go for help if there is a problem."

Earlier Mrs Carey welcomed the spouses, who have their own hospitality tent at the university which is rapidly becoming he social focal point of the three-week conference.

"I pray that our time together will be an inspiration to each one of us," she said. "I pray that each one of us will find that our Christian commitment is deepened by the experience of being together and sharing with one another."

MIKE WALKER



Canon Wright, who wants to appeal to MPs of all faiths

Chaplain will give Speaker a new voice

BY NICHOLAS WATT, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

REFORM of the traditional Anglican prayer service that marks the start of the parliamentary day moved a step closer yesterday with the appointment of a Speaker's Chaplain who is strongly committed to ecumenicalism.

Canon Robert Wright, 49, vicar at St Mary's Church in Portsea, said that he wanted to appeal to the "variety of beliefs" among MPs at Westminster.

Anglican prayers are held each day before the House sits even though there are MPs from many other denominations, including Catholics, Jews and Muslims.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, and her current chaplain, Canon Donald Gray, have been considering how to reform the prayer service. Canon Gray will present his proposals within a few weeks.

Canon Wright said last night that he could not comment on any reform until he has taken up his new post in November. But he said: "I am very committed to ecumenicalism. It is very high up on my agenda. I am very much aware of the wide variety of beliefs among MPs."

Canon Wright, who is honorary canon of Portsmouth Cathedral and is married with two grown-up children, said that it was a great privilege to serve the Speaker. "I am very much looking forward to serving the wider community of the House of Commons," he said. The Speaker's Chaplain serves everyone who works at the Palace of Westminster.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, last night welcomed Canon Wright's appointment. "He is a very, very good chaplain. It is an excellent appointment, Dr Carey said. "He is very strong pastorally. That is one of the resaons he has been appointed."

Canon Wright will also succeed Canon Gray as Rector of St Margaret's Church, Westminster, and as Canon of Westminster Abbey.

Carey calls for new zeal to end Church's fusty image

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury said yesterday that he would gladly fling all his mitres in the Thames if that would help to change the Anglican Church from smelly hymn books and ornate pageantry to service, goodness, holiness and humility.

In an address to 800 archbishops and bishops at the Lambeth conference at Canterbury, Dr George Carey outlined his vision of transforming the Anglican Church.

He wants an end to a church associated in people's minds only with "unattractive services, tedious homilies, the smell of hymn books" and "the collection plate". Instead, he seeks to build a church that is an evangelistic, missionary body, a church that is unafraid to present the Christian gospel to people of all faiths and none, and is empowered by a more powerful leadership from the top.

Speaking passionately of his plans for a "more radical discipleship" in the Church of England and its 37 sister provinces worldwide, Dr Carey said criticism of the Anglican Church by Anglicans was unchristian.

Delivering the opening address at the first plenary session of the conference, he said that he and other Anglicans loved their Church. "We must not number ourselves among those who despise her, denigrate her or speak ill of her," he said. "I am sometimes very sad when fellow Anglicans mock our Church publicly and criticise her unfairly. When we do so, we are not following our Lord."

The Archbishop praised the Anglican "middle way", the *via media* first described by Cardinal Newman before his conversion to Roman Catholicism in the last century. But he said that should never become a comprehensiveness that was "vague or woolly or is uncertain about the foundations of our faith".

Hinting strongly at the radical nature of his reforming zeal, Dr Carey went on to address the issue of church structure and leadership. "At times we can be tempted by an office dignified by the trappings of robes and ornate pageantry," he said. "I would gladly fling all my mitres in the River Thames next week if it made any difference to our ministry today.

"Some have further identified episcopacy with a lofty style of autocratic leadership." Dr Carey said bishops could too easily function as a barrier to the people. They could also feel marginalised.

The weakness of the current structure, which places Dr Carey as *Primus inter Pares* of the 38 primates, is that "it is not a hierarchical, monarchical form of top-down authority", he added.

But there was also a price to pay for the lack of a centralising authority in that the Church also "tends to shy away from the empowering of the other bonds of unity".

Dr Carey added that he was not seeking a role that could lead to authoritarianism or the stifling of individual conscience. But the Church must build on its heritage of doctrine, faith, liturgy and spirituality, combined with synodical government and episcopal leadership, to transform its mission and leadership.



Dr Carey: criticism of Church is unchristian

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Drinks pledge for patients

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

TRANSPLANT doctors are using a new survey to defend their policy of urging alcoholics who want liver transplants to sign an agreement that they will fight the habit.

Surgeons introduced the policy a year ago. So far 28 patients at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, have made the pledge, which comes with the promise of counselling.

According to a survey of transplant patients at the hospital in the past decade, 28 out of 59 who had alcoholic liver disease resumed drinking after their transplants and nine had become heavy drinkers. One patient, who later died, suffered alcoholic injury to his second liver.

A hospital spokeswoman said yesterday: "We want them to understand that having a new liver won't cure them if the reason for having the transplant is alcoholism. But we don't stop people from having a new liver if they do have alcoholism."

NHS faces £2.3bn bill for negligence payouts

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH authorities and trusts set aside £1.3 billion to settle negligence claims in the past financial year. Cases yet to be notified could push the bill up by £1 billion.

Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, says in the NHS accounts published today that more than £300 million was paid out to meet negligence claims; a further £1 billion was set aside in contingency funds to meet claims known to be pending. The Auditor-General says that that is unlikely to be enough.

"There can be a considerable time lag between an incident occurring and a negligence claim being lodged," he adds. "Neither health authorities or NHS trusts generally made any provisions for the cost of clinical incidents which had not been reported ... but which may lead to claims in future years ... I estimate that outstanding liabilities relating to incidents incurred but not reported ... could amount to a further £1 billion."

The growing cost of negligence claims is eating into NHS funding at a time when nearly half of health authorities and one in eight hospital trusts is in serious financial difficulties. Last year's total was 17 per cent higher than the previous year and Sir John estimates the bill could increase by about 25 per cent a year over the next five years. Claims arising from the Bristol heart surgeons' case alone could reach £40 million.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, is consulting widely to try to find ways of reducing the cost of litigation. He said in a recent speech that every pound spent on litigation was one pound less available for patient care. "The best place for a lawyer in the NHS is on the operating table, not sliding around causing trouble for other people," he said.

A liabilities scheme has been introduced to help authorities and trusts to meet negligence bills. It means that they pay only the first £10,000 of any claim, 20 per cent of any award between £10,000 and £500,000, with the Health Department paying everything over that amount. However, most awards are for smaller sums.

The audit report shows the deteriorating state of NHS funds. Forty-two out of 100 health authorities are in serious financial trouble and the number of hospital trusts with problems almost doubled from 26 to 54 over the year.

Although some trusts are in surplus, large debts are crippling others because of high interest costs. In many cases, the extra money the Government has found for the NHS in the Comprehensive Spending Review has already been spent.

Stephen Thornton, chief executive of the NHS Confederation, which represents trusts and health authorities, said the £2.3 billion total figure for clinical negligence was astonishing. "It shows the growing tendency of the public to go to law and the potential scale of the problem for the NHS."

Bringing NHS budgets back into balance would eat into the new money, he said. "Here is yet another first call for resource. It will take hundreds of millions of pounds to bring the budgets of authorities and trusts into line."

£2.5M FOR CEREBRAL PALSY VICTIM

A cerebral palsy victim was awarded £2.5 million yesterday after a health authority admitted it was to blame for leaving him permanently handicapped. Christian Townsend, 28, suffered brain damage during birth at Worcester Royal Infirmary and now needs 24-hour care. After a High Court hearing in Birmingham Pat Archer-Jones, chief executive of Worcestershire Health Authority, apologised for the grave error.

RICHARD LEA-NAIR



Adele Chapman demonstrating her rediscovered health in Birmingham yesterday

Girl gets taste for life after triple transplant

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

BRITAIN'S youngest triple-transplant patient, Adele Chapman, was yesterday more interested in jam doughnuts and chicken dinners than the fact that she had made medical history.

The six-year-old from Northern Ireland, who suffered from a rare bowel disease that prevented her from eating solids for two years, was preparing to leave hospital after a pioneering operation. She had been dangerously ill in April when a donor was found enabling surgeons at Birmingham Children's Hospital to perform a bowel, liver and pancreas transplant.

Adele had waited for more than two months for a response to a donor appeal. Her saviour was another six-year-old whose organs helped to save the lives of three other children.

National Transplant Week was launched at the hospital yesterday with the announcement that the triple transplant operation on Adele, the first of its kind on a child, had been a success. She had dysmotility syndrome, which was destroying her abdominal organs and left her almost permanently confined to hospital. She is now expected to lead a normal life and is planning to go to school in September.

Her mother, Doreen Chapman, said: "There was a time when I thought she wouldn't make it. She is now up and about and is eating well. Doughnuts were what she wanted first because they are so messy. Every day she is discovering a new taste and she is understanding everything that has happened and is happening to her."

Later this week Mrs Chapman, 35, will be taking Adele home to Co Londonderry to join her father, Colin, 40, her twin, Lyndsey, and Corina, 13, Jenny, 12, and John 10. "We are so grateful to the donor's family and words cannot express how we feel about them," Mrs Chapman said. "We are so glad that Adele made it."

The operation was carried out by a team headed by Jean de Ville de Goyet, David Mayer and John Buckels. Deirdre Kelly, head of the hospital's liver and small bowel programme, said: "It was a technically complex operation lasting ten hours, but there have been no major medical or surgical problems."

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Fiona and Martin Bell in his Cheshire cottage garden: "We will carry on the same as before, except we now have the paperwork"

Bell's bride turns to the Bard for words of love

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

MARTIN BELL introduced his bride to the public yesterday. She is cool, elegant and shy but reached for the grandeur of Shakespearean imagery to explain her love for the man in the white suit.

The 59-year-old former war correspondent turned independent MP was fiercely protective of his new wife, Fiona, 32, fending off awkward or unwelcome questions as they faced reporters and photographers in the garden of his constituency cottage in the Cheshire village of Great Budworth.

His third wife appeared nervous and overwhelmed, until pressed about the breadth of her love. She reached for Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* for inspiration. Asked what qualities drew her to Mr Bell, she replied: "It is an impossible question to answer and it is not something I can explain. Peter Bracken [Mr Bell's son-in-law] has a great expression: 'It is a beggary of love that can be reckoned'."

Dressed in an ivory linen suit and string of pearls, the tanned Mrs Bell would not be any more forthcoming about their love. "I think some of the best things are really hard to explain in sensible terms," she said. "I am sorry, I cannot."

Mr Bell met his wife, then Fiona Goddard, two years ago when he addressed a London design company, where she was a project manager, about his book on the Bosnian conflict. The MP acknowledges that the romance did not "ignite" immediately.

She maintained a low profile when he stood against Neil Hamilton in Tatton at the general election and fled to Malta when reporters scented a love interest.

They were married in equal secrecy on Friday at Canterbury Register Office in the presence of 12 guests. Her father, Robert Goddard, a Tory-supporting farmer, was said to be absent due to pressing haymaking duties.

The newlyweds travelled north to Great Budworth, where questions about whether Mrs Bell wanted to start a family received only a withering shake of the head. "We are not even thinking in those terms," said the old BBC hand, who has two daughters by his previous marriages.

She will keep her house in Canterbury. "Fiona is a keen gardener and I am not going to keep her from her garden," Mr Bell said.

"We will carry on the same as before, except we now have the paperwork."

THE QUOTATION

Antony and Cleopatra, Act I, Scene I — Alexandria. A Room in Cleopatra's Palace. Flourish. Enter Antony and Cleopatra with their Trains; Eunuchs fanning her.

... Cleopatra: If it be love indeed, tell me how much.

Antony: There's beggary in the love that can be reckoned.

Cleopatra: I'll set a bourn how far to be beloved.

Antony: Then must thou needs find out new heaven, new earth.

TV 'should give clear warnings of violence'

BY CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BROADCASTERS were yesterday urged to use plain language to warn viewers about violence in television programmes and not hide behind ambiguous phrases such as "gritty" and "hard-hitting".

The pre-transmission warnings should be explicit to the point of spelling out the type of violence, a working group formed by the BBC, Independent Television Commission (ITC) and Broadcasting Standards Commission (BSC) advised.

With a film such as *Silence of the Lambs*, the warning should say it includes scenes of cannibalism, Charles Denton, chairman of the group, said. "They should get the message across rather than obfuscate it ... like when programmes are described as gritty, hardhitting or challenging." The group is also negotiating with Teletext companies to create a page that viewers, especially parents, can access to determine the level of violence in programmes.



Anthony Hopkins in *Silence of the Lambs*

The group rejected, however, the idea of the American V chip, a high-tech method of blocking out unsuitable material. "That would be a very blunt instrument indeed," Mr Denton said. "We are fundamentally concerned with balancing freedom of expression with protecting society and its most vulnerable members."

The group emphasised that it was not seeking to reduce the amount of violence on television but to allow viewers to make informed choices. There had been no increase in audience concern but viewers indicated they did not want to be "ambushed unexpectedly" by disturbing scenes. "Violence is a fact of life. So long as it exists in society and the world, television programmes should reflect it and report it, both in fact and fiction. To do otherwise would be a substantial disservice to society," the report said.

Sarah Thane, director of programmes and cable for the ITC, added: "Sometimes broadcasters use rather oblique words — such as vivid or candid — which obscure rather than illuminate the message. We believe the broadcasters could sharpen up their acts and make their warnings more pertinent." She said the same code would apply to news bulletins where distressing footage was used but such programmes usually gave adequate warnings.

The group admitted that descriptive warnings could be counterproductive in enticing children to programmes they knew were going to contain sex or violence but said it was "a risk you have to take."

A further idea put forward in the report is for a government-led programme of media education aimed at young children. Stephen Whittle, director of the BSC, said that as visual messages from television were now an accepted fact of life it seemed appropriate that children should be educated to understand what they were watching.

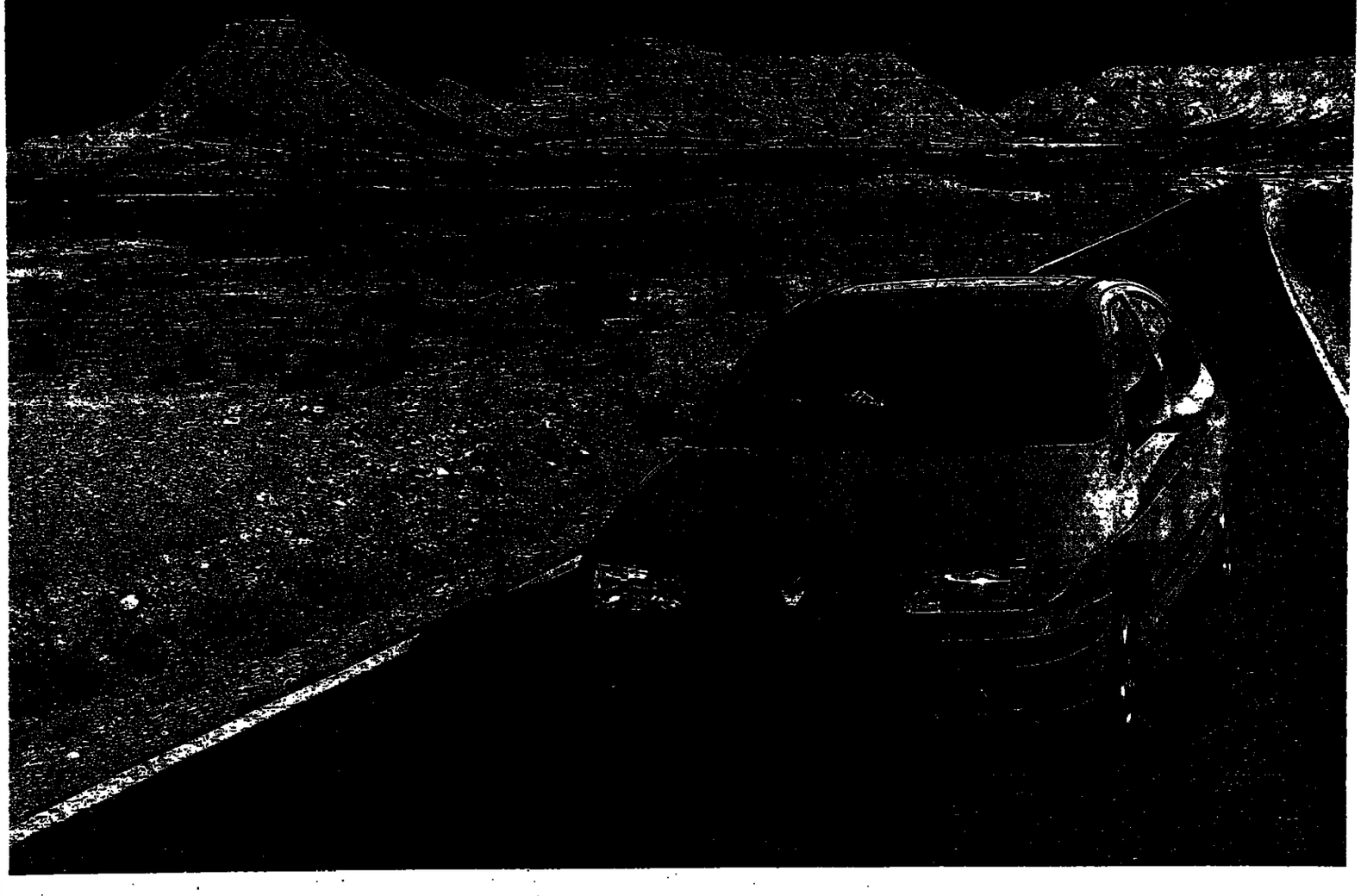
The report also sets out a "statement of common principles" about how broadcasters should deal with violence on British television. All broadcasters will be expected to abide by its terms. Among the principles, it is said that the portrayal of violence should always be editorially or dramatically justifiable; that programmes avoid suggesting violence as an appropriate solution to problems; and that in reporting or depicting violent crime, programmes should avoid glamorising it or promoting fear of crime.

But Mary Whitehouse, the veteran television standards campaigner, said: "They should be looking to cut down the amount of violence on TV, not just providing more explicit warnings. I said at our first public meeting in Birmingham Town Hall in 1963, if you constantly portray violence as normal on the television screen you will help to create a violent society, and 30 years later this report is saying the same thing."

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Railway firms will be made to run as a network

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TOUGHER regulation of the rail industry, with train companies facing heavier and more immediate fines if they fail to meet targets, was set out in the Transport White Paper.

Ministers have been frustrated over the difficulties in changing regulation of the industry, which is largely bound by franchise agreements made under the last Government. The document *voices the frustration* by saying there is little "practical scope" for altering the regulations in the short term. However, as the 25 train operating franchises come up for renewal — the first in 2003 — "we *will expect to see ... more* demanding performace standards for train operators and arrangements which enable passengers to hold operators to account for the services they run".

John Prescott has previously voiced his dismay that penalties imposed on operators have been subject to a "cooling off" period during which a train company can show improvements and escape penalty. *In a separate paper* published on regulation of the *rail industry, Mr Prescott said* that the new Strategic Rail Authority "must be able to move quickly to demand remedial action when a service deteriorates and impose swift and effective penalties for serious failures".

Mr Prescott was angered *last year when South West* Trains, which runs services from London into southern England, was forced to cancel thousands of trains after laying off drivers, but the penalty was only a fraction of the state subsidy the company received.

The new authority, which requires *legislation, will also* take on the existing functions of the British Railways Board. Mr Prescott made clear that the Government would take back into state control any franchise that consistently failed to match passenger service levels.

The changes would give regulators more "teeth" to crack down on under-performing train companies and to keep a close watch on the investment programme put forward by the rail infrastructure company Railtrack. It will take over the powers of John O'Brien, the franchsing director, who maintains performance standards, and will take on the consumer protection duties of John Swift, the rail regulator, who will be allowed to continue regulating matters of track and signalling.

The SRA *will also* ensure the railways are run as a *single network* and "not a collection of different businesses", and are properly integrated with other forms of transport. It would investigate further plans to *develop the* network, and the sale of British Railways Board land will be suspended to determine whether any might be of potential value to the passenger or freight railway.

There may also be tougher controls on train leasing companies, to prevent them from abusing monopoly positions. However, Mr Prescott backed away from immediate action, saying that *tighter regulation* would be considered only if the companies fail to offer sufficient investment. The three rolling stock companies own 11,000 trains that are leased to the operators but *they have been heavily criticised* for failing to offer attractive rates to the train firms and for taking too long to invest.

Mr Prescott said that more crime prevention measures are to be encouraged to make *train travel safer, with research* showing that use of *public transport use increase* by more than 10 per cent, mainly in off-peak times, if travellers felt safer.A safe-stations initiative, in which the best protected stations are given awards, has been *launched to develop a system* of best practice.

A £300million additional investment in railways is intended to relieve the increasingly common problem of congestion on the busiest stretches of the network.

Mr Prescott also demanded *that train operators did more* to encourage cycling and said that companies would be expected to provide racks on board trains and to ensure that station storage facilities were supervised.

The White Paper also held out the prospect of tax incentives to employers to offer staff alternative forms of transport *to the car. Already, tax relief* is offered on interest-free loans for season tickets, but a working group is investigating whether this could be extended to other employer schemes, such as providing cycle equipment, or even buying season tickets for the employee.

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THE TRAINS

THE MAIN POINTS

- ☐ **Motoring:** charging for workplace parking and driving into town centres. Charges also likely for driving to tourist areas such as national parks. Trial schemes for motorway charges at traffic bottlenecks
- ☐ **School journeys:** cutting car use by measures to improve safety of children who walk or cycle to school
- ☐ **Buses:** more spending to improve partnerships between councils and operators, to increase speed and reliability of services. Half-price tickets for pensioners
- ☐ **Rail:** tougher penalties on rail companies that fail to meet punctuality and reliability targets
- ☐ **Roads:** more than £700 million to be spent on better-maintained roads, better traffic information and management.
- ☐ **Security:** better lighting and more closed-circuit cameras and patrols at rail stations. A crackdown on cowboy clampers and unscrupulous second-hand car salesmen



Prescott on the Tube yesterday: travelcards are estimated to have increased Underground use by a third

Overtaking car is the priority

Arthur Leathley on the plan to turn 'old workhorses into racehorses'

AFTER decades of neglect buses are to become crucial in the Government's plans to revolutionise public transport.

John Prescott said that a £300 million investment in the bus industry would help to turn old "workhorses into racehorses" that were faster than the car and cleaner and more comfortable than their predecessors. The Deputy Prime Minister said that more bus-priority lanes would be the most immediate sign of the advantages of bus travel over the car.

The bus industry is also expected to be the greatest beneficiary of plans to set up a one-stop information service, giving details of public transport routes and timetables, by 2000.

Mr Prescott pointed to the lack of reliable information on public transport as a main obstacle to persuading motorists to give up car use.

THE BUSES

However, he said that there would also be greater incentives for people to switch to the bus, through cheaper fares and more frequent services in rural areas. National minimum concessionary bus fares for pensioners will mean at least half-price tickets.

He challenged the bus industry to produce "a bus design fit for the next century" and said that there would be an extension of "quality partnerships" between local councils and bus operators, under which subsidies were offered to ensure reliable and frequent services.

Significant scope is seen for more bus-priority lanes, together with traffic restraint measures, to allow buses to be seen as quicker than cars in busy streets. Bus lanes are also planned on some of the busiest stretches of motorway, such as the M4 and M25 near London, and the M6 near Birmingham.

Quick and easy interchange between buses is seen as essential for public transport to begin to compete with the car. Local transport planners will consider creating better interchange facilities, with funding available and public-private partnerships encouraged.



Mr Prescott pressed bus companies to put greater investment in bus shelters, improving security and offering better protection from the weather, together with reliable, frequent services, clear timetables and information, and well-maintained public conveniences.

Bus firms are expected to co-operate in the introduction of more through-ticketing. More "travelcard" discount schemes are called for, and the capabilities of smartcard technology is being investigated. In London, unlimited travel within travelcard zones, it is estimated, had increased bus passenger miles by a fifth, with Underground use rising by a third.

Bus staff will be trained in customer care, and easy-to-use buses will improve access for elderly and disabled people and parents with young children.

Health fears put change in the air

POLLUTION

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ALARM over air pollution and an increase in childhood asthma has heralded yesterday's White Paper. Media images of exhaust fumes *belching into the faces of* babies in pushchairs, and better medical understanding of the effects, led to demands for car culture to be curbed.

At the same time, there was growing concern about global warming and the *rising contribution of traffic to emissions of carbon dioxide. In 1985,* road transport accounted for 17 per cent of all CO_2 emissions. By 1995, this had risen to more 22 per cent. Without action, it was forecast that the number of vehicles would *double by early next century.*

Civil servants argued that legally binding agreements signed by Britain at the Kyoto environment summit last December would not be achieved unless transport emissions were reduced. Experts also pointed out that the national *air quality strategy to reduce* key pollutants by 2005 was at *risk unless action was taken to* get people out of cars and on to buses, trains and cycles.

Meanwhile, the growth of the out-of-town superstore was beginning to be seen as another social evil born by the *American-style love affair* with the car. Retailers and city *fathers complained* that traditional high streets were dying.

Decay and crime linked with the dying high street heightened the desire of the middle classes to seek sanctuary in the countryside. Forecasts began emerging two years ago that, to meet social *and demographic factors,* 4.4 million new homes would be needed and many would need to be built in the Green Belt and other rural sites, destroying wildlife habitats and beauty spots.

Doctors said that children ferried to school in cars were becoming "battery reared" and less healthy. Parents *waxed lyrical about the days* when they walked or cycled to school, but said they could not risk their child unless safer routes were developed.

Determination now needed to get these ideas moving

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

JOHN PRESCOTT has ventured where Jim Hacker never dared. The *memorable* episode of *Yes Minister* where Mr Hacker attempts to launch an integrated transport policy has been much quoted in recent months in the Department for the Environment, *Transport and the Regions.* The fictional initiative foundered in face of the conflicting arguments of the rail, road and environmental lobbies and fears of protests from politicially sensitive constituencies, reinforced by the world-weary objections of Sir *Humphrey Appleby.*

The Transport White Paper shows both the attractions and pitfalls of an integrated approach. Mr Prescott made a convincing case for further action to deal with the consequences of *increasing* congestion, pollution and the ragged consequences of bus deregulation and rail privatisation. It is not simply a matter of being for or against cars. It is a question of balance, of both *boosting public transport and* discouraging car use. Indeed, the last Government inaugurated the policy of annually raising petrol taxes faster than inflation and limiting new out-of-town shopping centres.

But the very term "integrated" conjures up the image of *new controls, regulations and* taxes. Someone has to pay and be regulated — and there are always likely to be more opponents of change, and higher charges, than supporters of the hope of improved bus and rail services.

Unlike his predecessors for *the past 20 years, Mr Prescott* has at least been willing to face these questions, but the White Paper's answers are still tentative. A lot of consultation papers are promised, but there is no indication of when legislation will be introduced. The Whitehall betting is that it will not be until the 1999-2000 session, so any radical measures are unlikely to be implemented this side of a general election. There are a number *of interesting ideas for boosting* bus and rail traffic, though there is the danger — inescapable with new Labour — of creating a new tier of bureaucracy via the proposed Commission for Integrated Transport and strategic rail authority, as well as a plethora *of local consultative bodies.*

Mr Prescott is not, however, *afraid of new ideas — whether* in raising private-sector capital for partnerships with the public sector, or with hypothecation of income. This would allow local authorities to levy charges for the use of congested *roads and on* workplace parking. The proceeds will be reinvested in local *transport* through a ring-fenced fund, though councils will read the fine print to see whether there is any corresponding cut in *their Whitehall grants.*

The White Paper says that *such schemes may also be* developed on trunk roads and motorways, either on a self-standing basis or as joint schemes with local authorities. (Mr Prescott made a point of thanking Gordon Brown for allowing the "courage" to *establish such a radical* reform since the Treasury has *always opposed hypothecation* on principle.) The Tories did authorise detailed research into such road pricing and electronic tolling — as part of private finance schemes — but never got very *far by the last election.*

The White Paper shows that *Labour will now consider* market pricing as well as physical controls on car use. But the ultimate success of this strategy will depend on current motorists believing that standards of public transport *have improved* and that it is worthwhile taking journeys *by bus and rail. However, Mr* Prescott's reluctance to surrender public control and the resulting complicated partnership schemes — as with London Underground — *may* discourage much-needed *investment. Yesterday was* essentially a wish list of good intentions. A determined Transport Minister is now needed for full and rapid implementation.

PETER RIDDELL

Short cuts among steps for walkers

BY NICK NUTTALL

PEDESTRIANS

CARS will be made to wait *longer at traffic lights* and pavements will be widened in many cities under measures to help pedestrians. More and better crossings and traffic-calming measures near schools and in country lanes are also proposed.

"Priority routes", in which pedestrians can reach their destinations more directly than private cars, are proposed as part of city-centre pedestrianisation schemes. The Government plans to ask 150 local authorities to submit plans in which walking will *take an important role.*

It is concerned about the impact of poorly maintained pavements, litter and works by gas, cable, electricity and other utility companies on the safety of pedestrians and their *enthusiasm to walk. It* proposes incentive schemes, backed by penalties, that will reduce the impact of street works and coordinate them more effectively.

The White Paper cites Edinburgh as a city where pedestrians benefit from local authority measures, including pavement-widening and pedestrianisation. "In the historic Royal Mile, space for pedestrians has been increased substantially and it is closed to vehicles at the busiest times during the international festival," *the paper says.*

It says that the improvements have not only enhanced safety for pedestrians and cyclists but also increased business for shops and restaurants by £26 million a year.

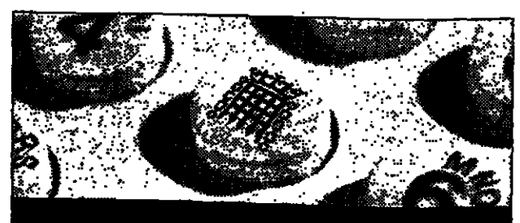
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Drivers must pay more or clear the roads

From crowded journeys to 2001, a space odyssey

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A SERIES of new charges on motorists was unveiled by John Prescott yesterday as he declared that Britain's travel habits needed to change to prevent traffic on main roads grinding to a standstill.

Additional charges on motorways, workplace parking spaces, town and city centres and heavily-congested rural areas by 2001 were all signalled in the document published by the Deputy Prime Minister.

The biggest surprise was the announcement that plans for motorway tolling were being reintroduced. Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, had ruled out such a charge for 10 years. However, the White Paper said that pilot studies need to be carried out to assess the practicalities of introducing electronic charging on motorways and dual-carriageway trunk roads, as well as the new charges in town centres and on workplace parking.

THE CAR

Ministers have been attracted by the success of motorway tolling throughout Europe, especially in France where substantial new money has led to rapid improvement and expansion of the motorway network.

The document sets out a range of plans to tackle projected increases in congestion, which is expected to affect more than one quarter of roads within ten years, against only one road in seven at present.

Ministers plan to introduce legislation within two years, allowing local authorities to introduce charges on workplace parking and on roads leading into town and city centres. However, the White Paper made clear that there will be a "strong presumption" against allowing both charges to be introduced within any single authority.

Workplace parking, provided to an estimated six million employees, is the simpler charge to introduce, as councils already check on car-parking provision under the uniform business rate. The White Paper underlined that charges should be imposed both on town-centre businesses and out-of-town developments. It referred only to private workplace parking, suggesting that local authorities and hospitals might be exempt from charges.

Local councils in popular rural areas, such as the Lake District and Dartmoor, are to be encouraged to devise charging schemes that deter motorists during peak holiday months. Alternative forms of transport, especially bus services, would be paid financed by the charges raised from motorists.

Experimental schemes that charge motorists for entering city centres have been tried in Britain, most recently in Bristol and Leicester. Only the provision of improved bus services, alongside charges, had a significant effect in deterring drivers.

The Treasury estimates that more than £3 billion can be raised from charging schemes. They are unlikely to start until 2001, with about £1 billion a year being raised by 2006. Workplace parking charges are expected to be the most substantial contribution.

The White Paper made clear that local authorities will not be able to use charging schemes to raise revenue for general schemes; the money must be channelled into improving transport. There will be strong guidance to the authorities, which will need Government approval for any project, on issues such as exempting the disabled and other car-dependant motorists from charges.

The crusade to curb unnecessary car use is also likely to use existing tolls, charged on the Queen Elizabeth II crossing on the M25 between Essex and Kent, to improve traffic flow on the M25. Mr Prescott told the Commons that when the current tolling franchise ends in 2001, the dropping of tolls could create a surge in traffic. Instead, money could be used for installing electronic signs limiting traffic speeds to improve flow, and signs directing traffic at congestion blackspots towards alternative railway and bus services.

Ministers are wary of introducing electronic tolling, in which roadside beacons can deduct cash sums from a "smart card" in the vehicle, until the technology is proven.

BRENTON EDWARDS



More cycle lanes will be encouraged, like this one in East London, used by Charlie Wright, a maintenance fitter, on his 11-mile journey to work



Traffic in Edinburgh: the council has examined tolls

Choices facing a city on the go

BY GILLIAN HARRIS, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

DRIVERS using Edinburgh's Royal Mile have ample opportunity to appreciate their historic surroundings. The cobbled road linking the castle with the Palace of Holyroodhouse is one of the most congested in the city.

Charging motorists to enter the city centre is one suggested solution. Yet, as a £3 million study discovered in Leicester, motorists are highly resistant to charges. A £2 fee deterred only one in five from entering the centre at peak times, although a £6 fee cut car traffic by almost 40 per cent. Some motorists simply went on lengthy detours to avoid tolling equipment.

Senior figures in Edinburgh have looked closely at the Leicester experiment. The conclusion is that an electronic cordon system around the city centre, rather than a cheaper windscreen permit scheme, is necessary to make charging effective.

In recent years, Edinburgh's transport officials have dreamed up a number of schemes to ease traffic. The Royal Mile is narrower to discourage drivers. Cars are banned from green bus lanes on the busiest arterial routes. The shopping thoroughfare, Princes Street, has become one-way for cars. Next year work is due to begin on a rapid transport system in which buses will stream in from the airport on rails before taking to the roads.

Edinburgh could become one of the first cities with a toll on roads into the centre. But first, Professor David Begg, a transport economist and convenor of the council's transport committee, wants a tram operating the length of the Royal Mile for the opening of the Scottish parliament.

School bike sheds will regain status

Children will be taught that two wheels are better than four, reports Nick Nuttall

CHILDREN are the focus of two proposals: more "lollipop ladies" and extra cycle routes. Laws will be passed to let school crossing officers assist children below school age and adults, which they are unable to do at present. The legislation will extend the hours during which school patrol officers can work, from the current short periods in mornings and afternoons as schools open and close. Councils will be encouraged to use school patrols to improve safety at busy junctions and accident black spots.

John Prescott said after he had addressed the Commons: "If you talk to children or parents, you find you may get one [school crossing officer] on the road near to the school. But the children may have to travel across four or five roads to get to school. We want to secure safe routes, not just safe access outside the school."

Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, said: "The legislation governing lollipop people is at the moment very restrictive. They are prevented by law from helping people other than schoolchildren across the road. The White Paper proposes extra money to renovate cycle sheds and to make them more secure. Mr Prescott was concerned that because children's bikes were expensive, many parents would not let them ride to school for fear of theft.

CYCLISTS

He believes that encouraging children to use cycles is an important measure for combatting the school run, which accounts for a fifth of commuter traffic at rush hour.

In 1971, 80 per cent of seven and eight-year-olds walked or cycled to school unaccompanied. By 1990, that had dropped to under 10 per cent, with only 4 per cent cycling. Under the proposals, more local authority and government agency funding is to be made available for developing safer cycle routes and schemes to encourage children back to pedal power.

It will build on the £2 million Safe Routes to Schools initiative developed in collaboration with the cycle-network builder Sustrans. It has drawn up planning guidance for better quality cycle routes, based partly on European examples.

A School Travel Advisory Group will be set up to advise government departments and councils to help them to encourage children to walk, cycle or take the bus to school. Schemes being considered include encouraging volunteers to escort children to school each day, countering parental fears about traffic and paedophiles. The White Paper suggests the school day might be changed to help children to avoid the busiest times for cars. National safety campaigns will give more prominence to school journeys.

The Safe Routes to Schools scheme is being piloted by ten schools. Horndean Community School, Hampshire, which has won £100,000 from the Government, has increased cycling from 36 pupils in 1995 to 120 now. Part of the funds are going to a cycle lane on the A3 and traffic-calming measures.

Kesgrave School, Ipswich, has for many years had a 60 per cent cycle rate among pupils. A spokesman for Sustrans said: "It also has no school bus. The children cycle to sports events like soccer matches and are very fit. At Waingel's Copse School in Reading, Surrey, an estimated 55 per cent of pupils walk to school, 35 per cent cycle, 5 per cent come by bus and 5 per cent by car. Pedestrians and cyclists have their own entrances and exits. New parents are asked to walk or to cycle with their children to school in the first week, to pinpoint the safest route.



The front line: sign of safety for children

Honoured member gives full support

ROAD SAFETY

BY RICHARD DUCE

JOHN PRESCOTT'S decision to put lollipop men and women in the front line was welcomed last night by one of the service's most celebrated members. For 21 years, through rain and shine, Sylvia Woods dutifully chaperoned children across the road as lollipop lady to her local primary school.

Throughout her service — she became MBE last year — she remained bemused that she was not allowed to help the elderly or pre-school children across the road at Shrewton, near Salisbury. She assumed it was for insurance reasons, but Mrs Woods, 66 and now safely retired, was at liberty to confess yesterday it was a rule she gladly broke.

The empowerment of the lollipop men and women envisaged by Mr Prescott could only be a boost for road safety, she said.

"I always thought it was ridiculous that we were not allowed to see old age pensioners across the road or technically even the younger brothers and sisters of children at Shrewton primary who wanted to cross the road to get to playgroup. It will make life a lot safer for everyone."

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Netanyahu 'at risk of arrest by new court'

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL fears that its citizens and government leaders could be put on trial for war crimes over Jewish settlements in the occupied territories after the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

A United Nations conference in Rome last week voted to set up the court to prosecute war criminals for genocide and torture. The definition of war crimes included settling occupied territories, a policy that has been carried out by Israel in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights after their capture during the 1967 war.

Alan Baker, legal adviser to the Israeli Foreign Affairs Ministry, said that under the treaty establishing the court settlers or Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, or a member of his Cabinet could be arrested while travelling abroad.

"This treaty does not give anyone immunity," he said. "Anybody who is involved in the decision-making connected to settling citizens in the occupied territory could be arrested under the ICC."

Because of the settlements provision, Israel voted against the establishment of the court. It said that Arab countries had politicised the tribunal by determining that such settlements constitute war crimes.

The leader of the Israeli delegation, Eli Natan, a retired judge, told the Rome conference: "We were committed to opposition because we found no other way to express our frustration at the political statement that the conference wished to accept."

The motion approving the court was carried at the UN conference with the support of 120 nations. Israel, the United States, China and India were among the seven countries to oppose the document. Twenty abstained. The court must be ratified by at least 60 nations.

Other countries that could be affected under the settlements provision include Indonesia over East Timor, Turkey over Cyprus, China and India.

Rachel Sukar, Deputy State Attorney of Israel, said that Israel's opposition did not provide immunity for its residents. She said there was great concern that an Israeli public servant, who had acted in accordance with government policy towards the settlements, could be arrested while travelling abroad.

Mr Baker said that Israel had been one of the initiators of the tribunal. "Israel has always supported the founding of such a body," he said. "We were one of the first countries to advocate it because of the persecution of Jews for hundreds of years. This type of court could have protected them, had it been founded 50 years earlier."

Mr Baker said that in the final days of the drafting of the treaty Syria and Egypt pushed through the article saying that settlements in occupied territories constitute war crimes. "Egypt and Syria were the spearheads of the efforts against us," Mr Baker added.

He said that last week the Egyptians toughened the language so that even those indirectly connected to establishing settlements could be charged with war crimes.

Yehudit Tayar, speaking for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip, condemned the settlements provision in the treaty.

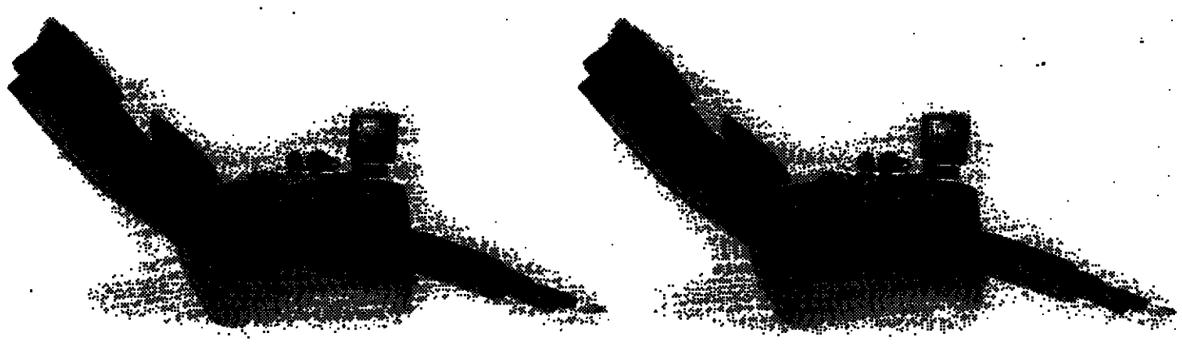
She said: "The Israeli Government took over the areas after a war of survival with the idea that setting up these communities will establish a security zone . . . Not only are these communities justified, they are morally correct."

BRIAN HENDLER / REUTERS



Police arrest ultra-Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem yesterday. The protesters were trying to stop building work on the site of a new road where ancient graves have been found, fearing the desecration of Jewish burial places. Archaeologists have yet to determine who was buried there

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Israel on alert for Hamas suicide bombers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI security forces were on maximum alert for Islamic suicide bombers yesterday to prevent any disruption of Israeli-Palestinian talks aimed at salvaging the Middle East peace process.

The alert was ordered by the Government after it was confirmed that Sunday's would-be suicide bomber — who failed to detonate a massive van bomb in the crowded heart of Jerusalem — was a member of Hamas, the militant Islamic group.

In cities, heavily armed police and soldiers, some with sniffer dogs, patrolled crowded streets and markets and appeals were broadcast for public vigilance.

"If Sunday's attack had gone ahead as planned, we could have said goodbye to the talks process once and for all," said a senior diplomat close to the negotiations. "The extremists know that, and that is why everyone is afraid that they will strike again."

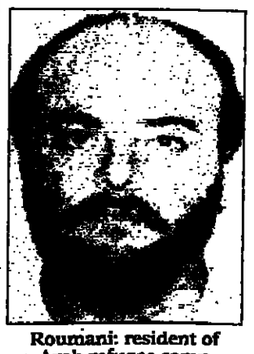
Sunday's would-be bomber, dragged out of the locked cab of his van in a ball of flames after the malfunction of a detonator, was yesterday still unconscious in hospital. Shin Bet security agents were at his bedside awaiting a chance to interrogate him.

Police gave his name as Jala Roumani, 30, a father of three children and a resident of the squalid Al-Amri refugee camp north of Ramallah in the West Bank.

After his capture, Israeli officials took the unusual step of issuing a public messsage of praise for help from their Palestinian counterparts.

Low-level Israeli and Palestinian committees are due to meet several times this week, and further meetings are also planned between Abu Mazen, the PLO's number two, and Yitzhak Mordechai, Israel's Defence Minister, who led Sunday night's renewed talks in Tel Aviv.

Mr Mordechai said the aim was to arrange a summit which could reach a deal on a pullback of Israeli troops from more of the West Bank.



Roumani: resident of Arab refugee camp

WORLD IN BRIEF

Aid workers pull out over Taleban row

Brussels: Afghan security forces yesterday took over the empty offices of the European Union's humanitarian aid organisation in Kabul, two days after Brussels ordered its staff out of the country because of restrictions by the Islamic Taleban regime (Charles Bremner writes). The Taleban militia moved into the office as 38 other aid groups began pulling out their staff in protest against an attempt to move all non-governmental organisations into a derelict building on the capital's outskirts.

The bodies of two kidnapped Afghan nationals working for the United Nations have been found near the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, which is under Taleban control, the UN said yesterday. Mohammed Nazir Habibi, 49, and Mohammed Hashim Bahsaryar, 55, were kidnapped on July 13. It is not known if they died because they were working for an aid organisation. *(AP)*

Papon wants France to pay

Paris: Maurice Papon, the former French civil servant convicted of complicity in crimes against humanity for his role in deporting Jews to Nazi death camps, has demanded that the Government pay his legal costs and the Fr4.6 million (£460,000) in damages awarded against him on the ground that he was working for the French State at the time (Ben Macintyre writes). His lawyer presented the damages bill, claiming that the acts committed by Papon were "indissolubly linked to his function" as secretary-general of the Gironde region under the collaborationist Vichy regime.

MP fails to quash Stasi link



Karlsruhe: A leader of the former East German Communists lost his attempt to quash a parliamentary report that found he spied for the Stasi secret police. The Federal Constitutional Court upheld key conclusions of parliament's inquiry into the past of Gregor Gysi, right, who is parliamentary leader of the Party for Democratic Socialism, the successor to the Communists. The panel found that Herr Gysi informed on dissidents whom he represented as a lawyer in former East Berlin from 1975 until at least 1986. *(AP)*

Ecuador names new leader

Jamil Mahuad, former Mayor of Quito and candidate for a populist centre-left party, has been declared President of Ecuador after he won more than 51 per cent of the votes in last week's election, according to official results (Gabriella Gamini writes). His opponent, Alvaro Noboa, of the right-wing Roldosista Party, with 48 per cent of the votes, refused to concede defeat. He has declared Señor Mahuad's victory "fraudulent" and unsuccessfully demanded a recount. About 10 per cent of the ballot papers were spoilt.

Moscow-Seoul row worsens

Moscow: Russian relations with South Korea took a turn for the worse when Seoul announced that it was recalling five diplomats working for its intelligence agency amid reports that it may expel a similar number of Russians from Seoul (Michael Binyon writes). Reeling from a spy scandal that led to the expulsion of a South Koreah from Moscow and the arrest of a senior Russian Foreign Ministry official on charges of treason, the two countries were on the brink of cancelling an intelligence co-operation agreement.

Tabarly's body identified

Dublin: Dental checks on a body retrieved from the sea off Wales have shown it is that of Eric Tabarly, 66, the French yachtsman, who had been missing since falling overboard from his boat *Pen Duick* on June 14, police said. A French trawler discovered the body in its nets 30 miles southwest of Milford Haven on Friday and landed it later in southern Ireland. Tabarly became celebrated in 1964 when he won a solo transatlantic race. *(AP)*

Wedding salute backfires

Cairo: The groom was shot dead and the bride wounded at an Egyptian wedding party when one of three men shooting in the air to celebrate the occasion misfired. A bullet had become lodged in the gun, causing it to malfunction, security sources said. The 25-year-old groom was killed by stray bullets while the bride, 19, was shot in the face and her mother was hit in the arm. The three men were arrested. *(Reuters)*

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Serbs claim victory after rebels fail to capture first town

FROM DOUGLAS HAMILTON IN MALISEVO

SERB security forces said they were in full control of the southwest Kosovo town of Orahovac yesterday, despite sporadic sniper fire from pockets of Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas.

The Serbs drove the separatist KLA out of the centre on Sunday after two days of fighting in which the guerrillas tried to storm the police station and capture their first town in the five-month conflict. Reporters said Orahovac was sealed off on all sides by Serb and KLA roadblocks.

Nervous KLA soldiers near the guerrilla stronghold of Malisevo, ten miles north of Orahovac, said fighting was still going on and that Serbs were using artillery.

A Serb security source who refused to be identified said: "We could not let Orahovac fall, not because of its strategic importance but because of its political significance. We could not permit the KLA to take a large urban area under their control and create an unofficial separatist capital."

The town, where ethnic Albanians make up 80 per cent of the peacetime population of 20,000, is 37 miles southwest of Pristina. It is close to the southern edge of a swath of western Kosovo between Pristina and the Albanian border which is largely under the control of KLA fighters.

Western diplomatic monitors in Pristina who were granted free access to the battle areas this month at the insistence of international mediators said it was unlikely that they would make an inspection tour of Orahovac yesterday. They planned instead to go to Belgrade to report on the fighting to ambassadors of the Big Power Contact Group — the United States, Russia, Britain, France, Germany and Italy — who are overseeing international peace efforts.

Fighting for Orahovac, and clashes between the Yugoslav Army and KLA guerrillas ambushed while trying to cross into Kosovo near Deravica from training grounds in northern Albania, cost the heaviest casualties of the crisis. There was no immediate word of the fate of 40 Serbs reported to have been taken hostage in Orahovac at the weekend. Official Serb sources said that the Albanian death toll in the army's border ambushes was about 30, but Belgrade media said at least 90 uniformed KLA fighters were killed.

The Yugoslav Army displayed arms in Pristina, all of which, officers said, were captured in the border ambushes. They included machineguns, recoilless rifles, anti-tank mines and mortars. *(Reuters)*

☐ **The Hague:** A broad coalition of Serbian opposition leaders yesterday called on America to take the lead in helping to end the conflict. They met Robert Gelbard, the senior US diplomat for the Balkans, for three hours of talks aimed at persuading foreign countries to broker a ceasefire. *(AP)*



Drums of war quell hopes of deal in Kosovo

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN BELGRADE

AN insurgent army, failing diplomacy, nervous soldiers, the clenched-fist salutes of roadside children, pounding propaganda, contagious paranoia, secret police and a growing body count: Kosovo feels at the brink of madness that usually precedes war. On paper it is a conflict that the Serbs have already lost, but one which shall be fought anyway.

President Milosevic's Yugoslav National Army (JNA), though underpaid, ill-equipped and demoralised, remains one of Eastern Europe's most powerful armies. However, its hands will be tied in a coming war by international pressure to avoid too high a civilian death toll and stresses within Yugoslavia. Montenegro, whose conscript soldiers are fighting Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) guerrillas crossing the border from Albania, is unlikely to stand by Belgrade should these troops be used in the densely populated interior.

Even without such limitations, the demography of Kosovo alone suggests that Serbian military victory would be impossible. More than 90 per cent of its two million people are ethnic Albanians and, short of a scorched earth policy, it is hard to see how the security forces could crush a popular movement.

Ranged against Belgrade's forces are the KLA fighters. Growing by the day in numbers, strength, organisation and equipment, this force already controls more than 40 per cent of Kosovo's territory. Far from being a haphazard conglomeration of peasants, the KLA has a hardcore cadre that has evidently been established for some years.

In late February and early March this year Mr Milosevic used Interior Ministry Special Police units to wipe out two villages regarded as KLA hotbeds. But this move succeeded only in goading KLA cells elsewhere into action.

While the West bases its entire negotiating position on a compromise solution involving a broad-based autonomy for the province and dealing with the Albanian moderate, Ibrahim Rugova, the drum roll towards war has accelerated over the past three months, making both the option of autonomy and the credibility of Mr Rugova obsolete. The KLA wants full independence. The Kosovans want full independence.

"The Slavs are barbarians," one Albanian doctor told me. "They do not want to live with us any more, and we do not want to live with them." When intellectuals start talking in such a way, you know instinctively that inter-ethnic harmony is over bar the shooting.

On one hand the loss of Kosovo should herald the end for Mr Milosevic. The Serbs would be happy to blame its loss on the deeply unpopular Yugoslav President, whose disastrous economic policies have little support.

However, a KLA force invigorated by victory would prove a destabilising influence on the Albanian populations in Macedonia as well as northern Albania.

Moreover, if Kosovo gains its independence, then the Bosnian Serbs of Republika Srpska could be used by Belgrade to make similar demands, fraying the delicate threads of the Dayton peace accord in Bosnia which until now has prevented them from unification with Serbia proper.

As the summer begins to fade into autumn in Kosovo, the international community may well find itself side by side with Belgrade's strategy of ragged containment in Kosovo, sacrificing justice for pragmatism, while Mr Milosevic once again emerges with renewed prowess.

MARCO DI LAURO / AP



An ethnic Albanian shoots at Serbian police during fighting in Orahovac, Kosovo

Chechen hero to tackle violence as Islamic militants stockpile arms

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

IN A desperate attempt to halt the tidal wave of crime — including kidnapping and fundamentalist violence — engulfing his war-torn country, Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen President, yesterday called up 5,000 army reservists, disbanded Islamic fighting units and appointed a notorious former guerrilla leader as, in effect, deputy commander of the armed forces.

He demoted generals held responsible for provoking a recent outbreak of fighting with armed Islamic groups that left nine people dead and 15 wounded, and threatened further expulsions of radicals from Arab countries who have infiltrated Chechnya to stir up extremist violence.

His actions came after a decree at the weekend prolonging for another ten days the state of emergency proclaimed last month to try to halt a rapid slide into civil war. His spokesman said the crackdown against organised crime needed more time. The reservists, veterans of two years' bitter fighting against Russia, will man roadblocks and checkpoints to re-establish law and order.

Shamil Basayev, a former Prime Minister and leader of the guerrillas who stormed a Russian hospital and held dozens of patients hostage in Budennovsk in June 1995, was yesterday made commander of the republic's armed forces. His return to power may strengthen the Government, as he also heads a battalion of 200 well-trained fighters from Chechnya and neighbouring Dagestan.

President Maskhadov, a relative moderate, is fighting a losing battle to stop crime overwhelming his turbulent republic. Last week 35 violent bandits escaped from prison in Grozny, the capital, after bribing guards who also fled. Fourteen prisoners were recaptured.

The upsurge in violence will further delay the release of two British hostages, Jon James and Camilla Carr, who have spent more than a year in captivity.

Last week there was also a violent confrontation in Gudermes with Islamic radicals, who are gaining power in the Caucasian republic and have assembled a formidable arsenal of smuggled weapons.

For Mr Maskhadov, who recently spent time in Britain to drum up Western investment, the most worrying thing is this arrival of Islamic radicals from the Middle East. Most are Wahabi, the puritan sect which dominates Saudi Arabia and is intent on turning Chechnya into an Islamic republic.

Two years after the end of the fighting with Russia, Chechnya is ruined and bankrupt. Most of Grozny still lies in ruins, with many of the bombed-out buildings uninhabitable. Almost none of the money promised by Moscow for rehabilitation of the economy has been paid.

☐ **Plans to supply Armenia** with sophisticated weaponry threaten to destabilise further the already explosive situation in the Caucasus, President Aliyev, the Azerbaijani leader, said yesterday (Richard Beeston writes).

Speaking at the start of his London visit, the former KGB general called on the West to strengthen its presence in the southern Caucasus to offset "Russia's imperial policy in the region". Mr Aliyev is due to sign three multibillion-pound deals for offshore exploration today.



Maskhadov: extended state of emergency

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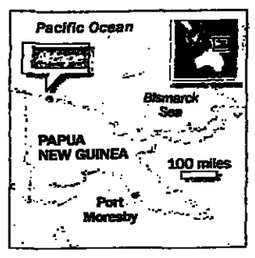
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Villagers mourn their lost children



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A Sissano girl with a rescued kitten stands beside her shattered house. Thousands were made homeless by the tidal wave and Australian Army and medical teams, right, are trying to help the countless injured survivors

Rescuers fear up to 3,000 might have died in Pacific tidal wave, writes Roger Maynard

Rescuers fear that a generation of children may have been wiped out by the Papua New Guinea tidal wave, which could have killed as many as 3,000 people, it emerged last night.

"Seventy per cent of the survivors are adults — most of the children are dead," Father Austin Crapp, a Franciscan missionary, said. About 10,000 people lived in the stricken areas, but rescuers and other officials said that thousands were still missing, many having fled terrified and injured into the jungle-clad mountains behind Sissano lagoon.

"What you are seeing today is just survivors, but where is *everybody else?*" asked John Tekwie, West Sepik's local governor. A health official asked survivors staggering into a small hospital in nearby Vanimo: "Where are the little ones? Where are the children?"

Augustine Kulmana, a Catholic priest, said: "Many children have disappeared. There are a lot of injured adults coming into the hospital, but no children."

Father Crapp described the first signs of the tidal wave. High up on the hill in his Catholic mission station, he heard a faint noise like the wind. It was followed a few seconds later by a tremendous crash as the wall of water thundered across the lagoon and more than a mile into the low-lying coastal plains near Vanimo in the northwest of the country.

"Suddenly all the people were screaming, yelling, and ten minutes later I saw them streaming up the hill, shouting 'the sea has rushed straight through the village'," he said. Speaking by telephone from his home, Father Crapp said the survivors of the tragedy were traumatised: "I was walking along and I found two people making a shallow grave. They were burying their 11-year-old daughter, who had been missing for the past few days."

Mr Tekwie estimated the number of fatalities at 3,000. "Many more bodies are still stuck in the debris within the mangrove swamps, within the lagoon itself, caught between the debris of the buildings, the coconut trees, all the bush, the trees that have been thrown in the lagoon," he said. Bill Skate, the Prime Minister, who visited the area, the scene of one of the world's worst tidal wave disasters this century, almost broke down yesterday as he described the tragedy. "The situation is very bad indeed," he said. "We're finding more dead bodies now than yesterday and every minute of every hour we seem to be finding more."

Last night three Australian Hercules transport aircraft were ferrying medical supplies and personnel to the worst-hit areas, where sickness and disease pose the next big threat to human life. Many people, especially the young, are suffering from pneumonia and dysentery brought on by swallowing too much water as the wave engulfed them.

"The health situation is very worrying, especially the possibility of disease breaking out," Father Crapp said. "When I walk through the villages the stench is incredible."

A fourth Hercules left Sydney's Richmond air force base last night with more military and medical personnel to help the injured and begin the massive clean-up. Colonel Keith Jobson, a defence spokesman, said: "We're aiming to get aircraft into Vanimo near one of the worst-hit areas where there are many hundreds injured and in need of urgent treatment. We're there to save lives and minimise suffering."

Alexander Downer, Australia's Foreign Minister, said the country's aid effort would extend to helping to rebuild villages as well as offering medical support. "The Australian Government will do everything it possibly can to help Papua New Guinea in this crisis and so we'll provide whatever is needed," he said.

The Pope urged the world to give prompt, effective help to survivors. A telegram of condolence signed by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican Secretary of State, said the Pope was praying for the victims and sent his blessing to all the country's people. "He expresses hope that the international community will show its solidarity by providing prompt and effective assistance to the needy," it stated.



Chinese pledge to save giant panda by cloning

By Helen Rumbelow

CHINA has pledged to clone its endangered national symbol, the giant panda, by 2003.

Because of the high failure rate involved in cloning, scientists from the Institute of Zoology in Beijing will attempt to save their native bear by planting the DNA of a giant panda into the fertilised egg of another animal, such as a cat or dog.

It is the first time the project has been made a priority with a deadline. However, British scientists said yesterday that cloning of cross-species would not work, and the World Wide Fund for Nature criticised the plan for diverting attention from saving the 1,000 giant pandas left in the wild.

Chen Dayuan, the project leader, is reported in the *People's Daily* yesterday as saying: "I am confident that Chinese scientists will be the first worldwide to clone a giant panda." But Dr John Gurdon, a pioneer of animal cloning at the Wellcome Trust Cancer Research Campaign Institute in Cambridge, said that cross-species cloning does not work except in rare cases of very closely related breeds.

"Its advantage would be if you were short of eggs of one species, because you would only need a few panda cells to implant into, say, hundreds of fertilised rat eggs," he said. "But the genes of one species are not compatible with the genes of another species. If you put a human nucleus into a monkey egg, it will not survive."

Poaching and deforestation has scattered small pockets of the bears in the mountains of southwestern China's Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi provinces. Inbreeding and a high rate of natural infertility have reduced the bear's chances of survival. Only one in ten is thought to be able to produce cubs.

About 100 are in captive breeding programmes that have also met with little success: of 182 pandas born in zoos or reserves since 1963, two-thirds have died in infancy.

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Storm blows up in South Africa over top jobs for ANC trusties

From R.W. Johnson in Johannesburg

THE appointment of a leading ANC politician, Bulelani Ngcuka, as South Africa's first "super attorney-general" has created a political storm, coming as it does in rapid succession to Tito Mboweni, an ANC Cabinet minister, being made Governor of the Reserve Bank.

The principle that the holder of these posts must be rigorously independent is enshrined in the Constitution. The two men have quickly insisted they will strive to preserve that principle — Mr Ngcuka saying he will resign from the ANC immediately, and Mr Mboweni that he will resign from "all my ANC leadership positions".

This has done little to placate opposition parties, who point out that Mr Mboweni is still making partisan political speeches and intends to remain an ANC member.

Although both are well liked and respected outside their party, the banking and the legal worlds are horrified at appointments which suggest not only a loss of independence, but an apparent disregard of professional expertise. The Government has ignored the Constitution, which says that the Bank's Governor must have banking experience, which Mr Mboweni lacks.

In the case of the super attorney-general (as the National Director of Prosecutions is popularly known), the holder should have at least ten years' experience in legal practice. Mr Ngcuka served just four months as a prosecutor in 1977 and has had less than five years in practice. The appointments are symptomatic of the way the ANC thinks; its first instinct is to ensure control, thus choosing political trusties for any position.

It seems normal to ANC eyes that the Speaker of parliament still plays a leading role on the ANC national executive. Similarly, when Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri was made head of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, she announced: "I will be ANC till I die." Then, realising her post required her to be politically independent, she averred she now was — though the way the SABC became slavishly pro-ANC suggested other dynamics at work.

The legal profession was vehemently opposed to the creation of a Director of National Prosecutions, for the holder will have powers to overrule the eight provincial attorneys-general.

All of this has much bearing on the coming election. The ANC has caused alarm by its open ambition to win a two-thirds majority in parliament, giving it the right to amend the Constitution. The party wishes to achieve political control over such islands of independence as the Auditor-General, the attorneys-general, the Reserve Bank Governor and the judiciary.

The Opposition is as one in resisting that, but the real question raised by recent appointments is whether the ANC is getting its way simply by personnel changes.

Indonesia to have 37 new parties

From Patricia Nunan in Jakarta

INDONESIA's two largest Muslim groups are among 37 bodies planning to form political parties to contest next year's general elections.

Amien Rais, the Muslim leader most active in the ousting of President Suharto in May, said he would set up a political party soon.

"The party is to be called Partai Amanah Bangsa or National Mandate Party. The name refers to Indonesia's independence, a mandate of the people that needs to be defended," Mr Rais was quoted as saying at a Muslim school in the East Java town of Ponorogo. Muslims comprise a majority of Indonesia's 200 million people.

Mr Rais heads the Muhammadiyah movement, Indonesia's second largest Muslim group, which claims the support of 28 million. The nation's largest Muslim group, Nadlatul Ulama, has said that it will also set up a political party.

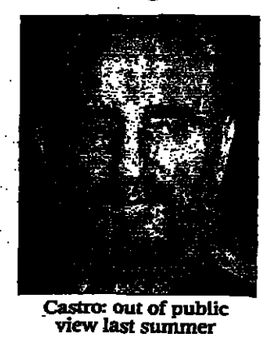
Cuba dismisses reports of dangerously ill Castro

From David Adams in Miami

CUBAN officials dismissed yesterday a report in the *Miami Herald* that claimed Fidel Castro is suffering from a potentially fatal form of high blood pressure. The officials said that the country's ageing leader is well.

On Sunday, Miami's main daily newspaper quoted Dr Elizabeth Trujillo, a Cuban surgeon, who said she treated President Castro last October when he was in hospital with alleged symptoms of hypertensive encephalopathy, a sharp rise in blood pressure that can cause damage to the brain and partial paralysis.

Some doubt was cast on Dr Trujillo's story yesterday when the Vatican confirmed that Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls, its chief spokesman, met Señor Castro during the days when the *Miami Herald* reported that he was in hospital. The newspaper said yesterday that, although there may be a confusion in dates, it stood by its report.



Castro: out of public view last summer

In the past there have been many false reports about Señor Castro's health, including mentions of cancer and Parkinson's disease.

Dr Trujillo's information appears to coincide with other reports of Señor Castro's poor health last summer, stemming from his uncharacteristic disappearance from public view for several weeks.

The President's ageing appearance, and his failure last year to give his traditional speech at a celebration on July 26 of an historic rebel assault, stoked rumours of ill health that culminated in August with accounts that he had died. But such talk was quelled in October when the Cuban leader delivered a seven-hour speech before the Communist Party Congress. Señor Castro remarked that when eventually he did die nobody would believe it.

Despite the rumours, the 71-year-old President is widely regarded as being in remarkably good health for a man of his age. That is recognised even by his most implacable enemies, including the CIA, which in a report last June declared him to be relatively fit and still having a firm grip on power.

George Tenet, the CIA director, confirmed that assessment in December, telling the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that "Castro appears healthy ... and his political position seems secure."

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US divided on plan for life-long medical ID

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

CIVIL liberties groups are opposing a plan by President Clinton to give every American a new identity number to track medical histories from cradle to grave.

For two years, the Administration has been working quietly on a scheme for a "unique health identifier", assigned to every citizen at birth. It could be used to create a national database of disease, giving scientists a better chance to track health trends. It would also ensure patients, shuttling ever more often between different insurers and hospitals, did not lose sight of their medical records.

But accusations that this is a "Big Brother" scheme to strip away personal privacy are so heated that the Administration is set to hold public hearings to calm the row. In a country where individual rights are a national passion, opponents say that patients will be wary of telling their doctors intimate details. People will fear that, if they confess depression, alcoholism or dependence on sedatives, the records will dog them for life and could be used against them by insurers or employers. Not everyone is opposed to the medical ID. Many patients and doctors have been desperate for one. The revolution in US healthcare in the past four years has forced patients to switch, sometimes repeatedly, between health companies — and they often find records lagging behind under the weight of a formidable, decentralised bureaucracy.



Clinton arrives in New Orleans to address teachers

At first, Mr Clinton's plan seemed so simple. Indeed, it was ordered by Congress two years ago, as part of a new law allowing employees to take their health insurance with them when they leave. Both Republicans and Democrats pushed the law through as a desperately needed measure — people's fears about losing medical cover often being more of a barrier to switching jobs than the disruption of moving several thousand miles.

Medical experts assumed that a national database could use social security numbers, the nine-digit code that doubles as a driving licence number and is essential for almost any official or commercial deal. But its ubiquitousness damned it; every credit card company, every car hire firm, or anyone accepting a personal cheque might have someone's social security number — and could then access medical records.

So the notion of a new number, for medical use only, was born. But fears promptly switched to the lack of safeguards on medical records. There are legal concerns: a federal law to protect medical privacy has yet to go through Congress. It is not for want of trying that the US offers no legal protection for medical records. Senator Robert Bennett of Utah is drafting a wide-ranging Bill, and there are five already under debate in Congress. But critics say this will lull patients into a false sense of security.

And there are practical worries: with computer hackers roaming the Internet — and, according to reports, the Pentagon mainframes — it is hard to guarantee that an easily operated, quickly established national database would be secure. The main practical safeguard at the moment is that different healthcare plans do not talk to each other. If they link computers, no Congressional Bill will protect the medical secrets of someone's past.

☐ **Morning after:** A gap in the pharmaceutical armoury of US women is likely to be plugged with new moves to legalise the "morning after pill" — which can be taken up to 72 hours after sex to prevent pregnancy (Our Foreign Staff writes). A small New Jersey-based company, Gynetics, expects the US Food and Drug Administration to give approval soon.



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A farmer inspects a parched field of maize outside Faxon in Oklahoma. The crop is not worth harvesting, say locals. One said: "The fields are melting"

Heatwave claims 80 lives in scorched Texas

New York: Dallas yesterday was hotter than Delhi for the fifteenth consecutive day, as the state of Texas continued to reel from a long, torrid and often deadly summer (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

Eighty deaths have been attributed to the heatwave so far, many of them elderly people too poor to keep their air conditioners on at all hours.

But the starkest tragedy must be the 44 deaths of illegal immigrants from Mexico, who slipped over the frontier and perished of dehydration in the desert.

With temperatures reaching 103F (39C) — they have not dipped below 100F in a fortnight — Dallas is a place of parched lawns, sweaty inhabitants and frayed tempers.

Even the animals at the zoo are wilting, and the local press has accounts of ice blocks being fed to primates, pandas and snow leopards in an attempt to protect them from the worst local heatwave for almost 20 years.

"It looks like this trend could continue another week, maybe two, from what we can see," said Roland Nuñez, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service. He said the humid Northeast was expected to be the next hard-hit region, with temperatures expected to rise into the 90s. Records would be broken, he suggested.

So grave is the threat of death facing the "undocumented aliens" from Mexico that the Texas Border Patrol has begun broadcasting information flashes on Spanish language television networks. Disconcerting footage of dead Mexicans comes with uncomplicated advice: *Mantente fuera. Mantente vivo* (Keep out. Stay alive). On their patrols, rangers now carry extra water for people in distress.

The state has lost $1.5 billion in shrivelled cotton, corn and sorghum crops, according to actuaries. The danger of fires, too, is present everywhere: every one of the state's 254 counties is on alert. Some 280,000 acres have been burned since the start of the drought in early May.

Neighbouring states are also staggering in the heat, and drought conditions prevail in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Oklahoma, Louisiana and sections of Colorado. At least 22 people have died of the heat in Louisiana.

New York police sued for sexual harassment

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

A WOMAN officer has sued New York Police Department for $200 million (£120 million), alleging that she faced systematic sexual harassment from her male colleagues while she worked on a special anti-narcotics detail in a Brooklyn precinct. Sergeant Michelle Jarman-Brown also alleges that her fellow officers regularly downloaded pornography from the Internet and used police cameras to photograph women wearing short skirts or brief tops.

Sergeant Jarman-Brown's action comes at an embarrassing time for Rudolph Giuliani, the city's Mayor, and Howard Safir, the Police Commissioner. Both men, who have made their names by fighting crime and sleaze in New York, are already locked in a battle to salvage the reputation of the New York Police Department after recent disclosures that officers from a Manhattan precinct allegedly gave protection to a brothel in exchange for sessions with prostitutes.

So far, 19 officers from the Midtown South Precinct have been assigned to administrative duties. Although no charges have yet been brought against them, such is the public outcry that Mr Safir appears to have little choice but to take the strictest action if he is to forestall calls for his resignation.

The scandal, which has been described as the worst to hit the city's police force since Prohibition in the 1920s, broke last week when Mr Safir announced that the police department's Internal Affairs Bureau had uncovered a long-standing pattern of behaviour in which several officers had received sex from a brothel as a price for turning a blind eye to the establishment's existence. The announcement was made after Mr Safir's office learnt that a local tabloid, the *Daily News*, was about to publish details of the investigation.



How the city was told



Pastrana, right, with a guerrilla leader last month

Colombia's new leader signals end to rebel war

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

A DRAMATIC peace effort by Colombia's President-elect, Andrés Pastrana, has given Colombians their best hope in decades of an end to 34 years of a guerrilla war that has cost 35,000 lives and turned large parts of the country into a killing field.

Still three weeks from taking office, Señor Pastrana is not wasting any time. Since winning a June 21 presidential run-off, he has been on a peace offensive that has already brought results.

In a bold move that surprised even his most enthusiastic supporters, Señor Pastrana earlier this month met secretly the commanders of the country's main guerrilla group — the 15,000-strong Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc) — in a jungle hideout, making him the first President to engage the rebels directly. He vowed to remove security forces from 16,000 square miles of southern Colombia after he takes office, so that formal peace talks can begin.

Then, in an agreement signed last week in Germany, the chiefs of Colombia's second-largest guerrilla group and some of the nation's most prominent civilian leaders set in motion a peace process. Señor Pastrana, who was on holiday in Europe, followed the German negotiations closely. So, too, did the Nobel prize-winning novelist and native Colombian, Gabriel Garcia Márquez, who was unable to attend.

The two sides agreed to hold a national convention before October 12 to discuss economic and social reforms that may open the door to a permanent ceasefire. Guerrilla chiefs who signed the accord for the National Liberation Army (ELN) said they were willing to discuss their use of kidnappings and sabotage of Colombia's vital 490-mile oil pipeline.

The 5,000-strong ELN is responsible for nearly all of the 532 bombings of the trans-Andean oil pipeline since its construction in 1986. According to the Government, the attacks have spilt 1.7 million barrels of oil in the Andes and wetlands.

The ELN pledged to respect international humanitarian law and halt any violence against schools, health clinics, reservoirs, fire stations and power lines. It also agreed to stop kidnapping children, the elderly and pregnant women.

Señor Pastrana is determined to remove the dark cloud that has hung over Colombia under Ernesto Samper, the outgoing President. Despite losing national and international credibility after allegations that his 1994 election was tainted with $6 million (£3.7 million) in drug money, Señor Samper refused to step down and denied any responsibility.

Señor Pastrana had met the guerrillas before. Running as a candidate for Mayor of the capital, Bogotá, in 1988, he was kidnapped by gunmen linked to the Medellín cocaine cartel.

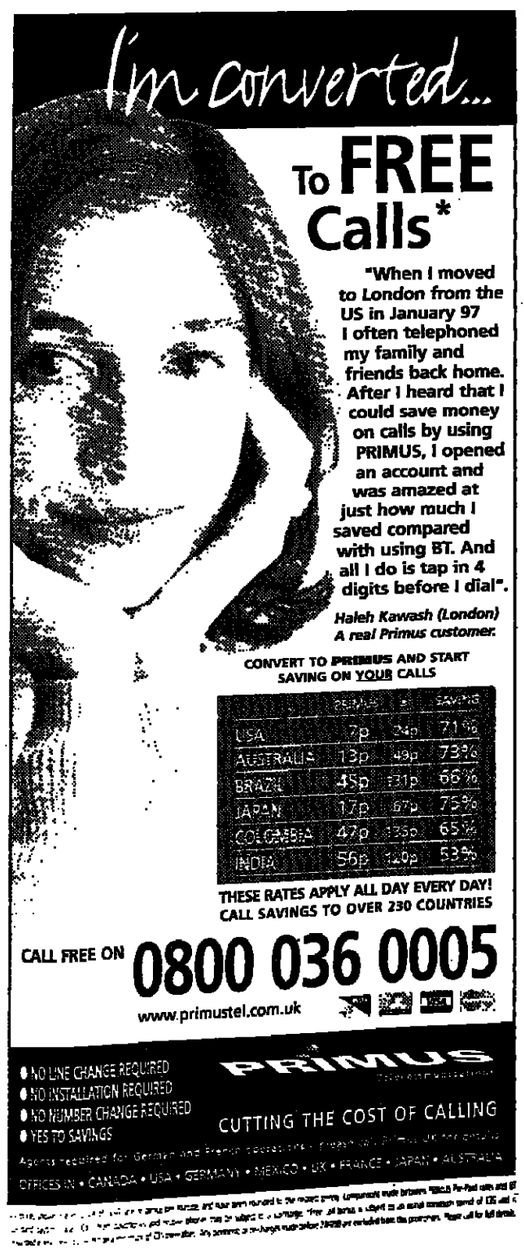
He was lucky. Police stumbled on the kidnappers' hideout and freed him after only a week. He went on to win the mayoral election before entering parliament in 1991.

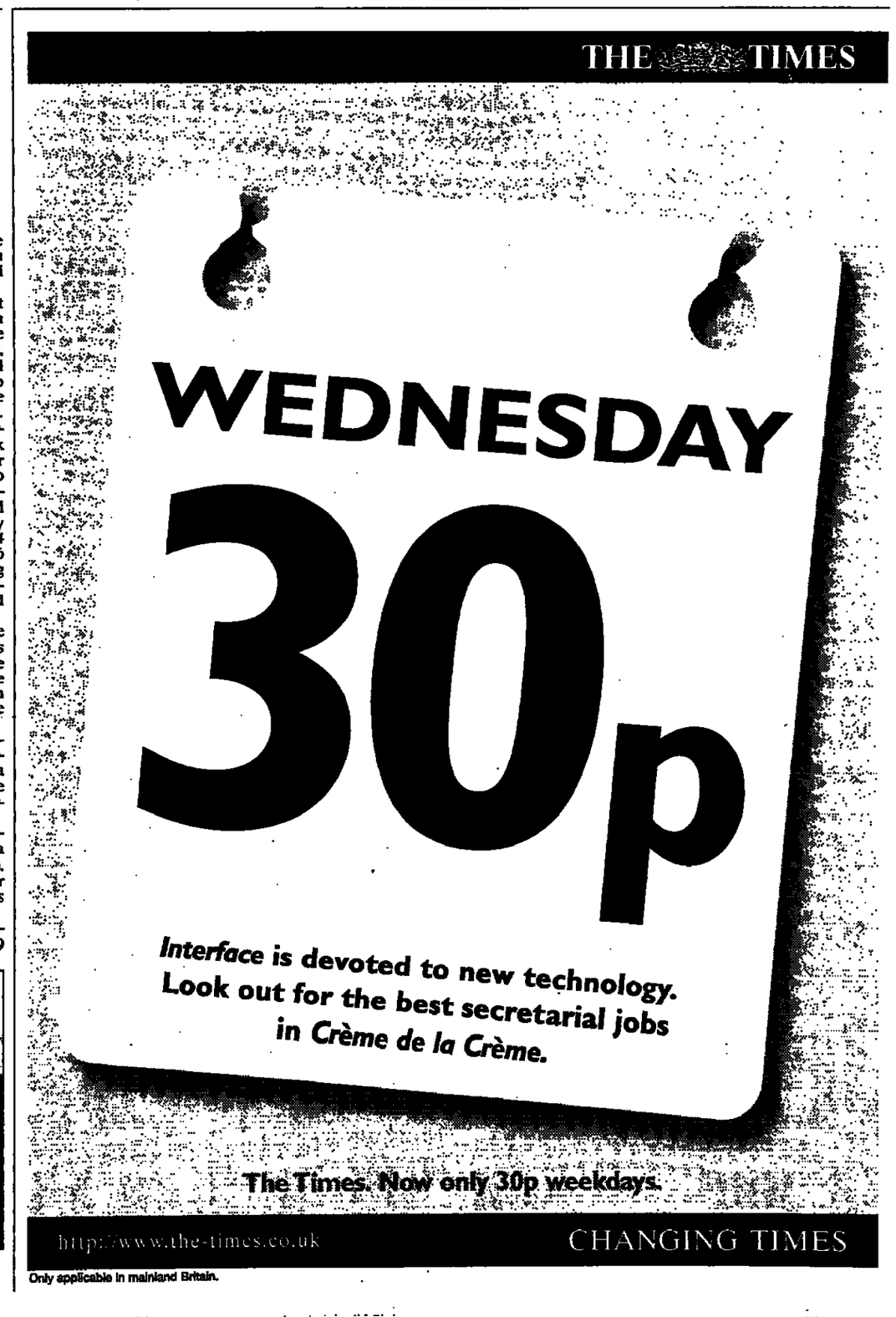
Sixteen paramilitary leaders wrote to Señor Pastrana last week saying that they, too, were willing to lay down their weapons "once the guerrillas do".

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Samper: tainted ever since his election





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I was brought up by wolves

Misha Defonseca survived the Holocaust by fleeing into the forest and being raised by wolves. Interview by **Barry Wigmore**

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Surviving with wolves: Misha Defonseca, pictured below, left,as a child with a relative, was separated from her parents at the age of seven and fled to the forests to live in the wild. Below right, Misha today

The only time Misha Defonseca felt like a child was when she was with the wolves who cared for her. "Bathing with the wolves I had not a care in the world. Sitting in the darkness, as they rested peacefully nearby, I breathed a deep sigh of relaxation," she remembers. For five years she ate, played and cuddled her wild family, sleeping skin to fur. "If I hadn't had the animals in the forest, I would have lost my mind," she says.

Like Ivan Mishukov, the six-year-old Russian boy who ran away from home and spent three years living with a pack of dogs, Misha's story is a powerful illustration of the bond that can develop between human beings and animals.

As a seven-year-old Jewish girl in war-torn Europe, she fled into the forests to escape from the Nazis and was adopted by a family of wolves. As she criss-crossed Europe on a 3,000-mile odyssey, searching for her parents — she now assumes they perished in the death camps — the only family she knew, she says, were the wolves who adopted her. When her quest took her out of the territory of one wolf-pack, she joined another.

Now Misha has written a book about her extraordinary childhood. Called *Surviving With Wolves*, it has been translated from her native French into Italian and Japanese. An English translation in America has been retitled *Misha: A Memoire of the Holocaust*. Film rights have been optioned.

"Like many Holocaust survivors, I never wanted my story told," she says. "I preferred to forget. I didn't want to go through the anger again, all the killing. No one understands you. They really don't. You want to escape from your experiences, not relive them all the time. I wrote my story for myself and for my son, for him to read later. But word got out and I was persuaded to allow it to be published . . ."

Misha was seven and Europe had been at war for three years when her world changed for ever. Her family lived in Belgium and as the Nazis closed in her parents asked friends to care for their daughter if anything happened to them. They had already made her blot her Jewish family name from her memory. To this day she doesn't remember it.

"I remember my mother spoke Russian," says Misha. "Even now I sometimes sing in Russian. My father was tall and blond and could have passed as an Aryan, but he would not leave my mother." One day, Misha says, her parents didn't collect her from school. Their friends were there instead. She never saw her mother or father again.

A little later, she heard the people who were caring for her talking about the Nazis and wondering whether it would be better to hand her over to them. That night, shortly after her seventh birthday, Misha ran away. She survived on her wits, like a rural Artful Dodger, breaking into farmhouses to steal food and clothes. Inevitably, a farmhand caught her and as she struggled free and fled, he hurled a large stone which hit her on the back. She crawled into the forest, where she lay down and howled in pain.

Suddenly, what she thought was a large, curious, dog broke through the bushes and stood watching her. It was a she-wolf. "I think she was lonely," Misha says. "She adopted me. I was not afraid. We both needed help. I remember I was grateful that here was something — someone — who cared for me. No humans did." The wolf became Misha's Maman Rita.





Folklore is peppered with such stories, from Romulus and Remus to Kipling's Mowgli, and there is no way of checking how accurate Misha's memories are.

But her French publishers found that where her story could be checked, on dates and places of battles she became embroiled in, it was accurate. As she sits now, offering herb tea and chocolate cake in her cluttered, immaculately-clean house outside Boston, Massachusetts, it is difficult to imagine that this enthusiastic, matronly woman has experienced the horrors she recounts. But then, it is difficult to imagine the same of so many ageing witnesses to the Holocaust. A former pet, a stuffed cobra, greets visitors inside Misha's door. There are stuffed toy animals everywhere. Wind-chimes and hanging mobiles of animals stir in the breeze through open windows. Outside, her car is plastered with save-the-animals stickers.

"I hate emptiness," says Misha. "I feel safe with animals." Twelve cats and two dogs prowl around her house, and eight more wild cats come and go as they please. Then there are 12 racoons, a couple of skunks and the deer who regularly visit her to feed from her hand. Birds flutter everywhere and she calls her kitchen windowsill Squirrel Boulevard. She would love to put out food for the wolves and bears who are not so far away. "But I cannot," Misha says sadly. "The neighbours don't like that."

Her childhood memories are of a different world: of the hunter she beat with a club after he'd killed Maman Rita; of a Nazi using children as live target practise; of the German soldier she killed with a knife; and of the Ukranian partisans she joined as a fighter. And Misha's arthritic feet and artificial hips are testament to her hardships as a child in the wild.

If there is any doubt, the photos of herself as a teenager in post-war Belgium, dressed in pencil-slim skirt, low-buttoned blouse, and blonde bubble-cut hair, eliminate it. "I did whatever I had to to survive," she says. "As a teenager, for me men were prey. When I needed them, I took them. It was the law of the wild — the law of the wolves. I enjoyed men. I punched people in bars. When I met my husband, I wasn't an angel. But he was so patient and I told him everything."

Misha met Maurice Defonseca 28 years ago. He was the general manager of a Honeywell factory in France. The photos show a handsome couple, with Maurice in a dashing white suit. Today he is a gentle man with sad eyes and a soft voice. Six years her junior, he is totally devoted to the wife who says she is still inclined to punch or bite a neighbour in an argument. "There is something of the wild in me still," she grins. "I have the social graces, but I don't trust humans like I trust animals. They're less likely to stab you in the back."

Joni Soffron, education director of the North American Wolf foundation, believes Misha's story. At a recent sellout reading of her book at a Massachusetts sanctuary, called Wolf Hollow, visitors witnessed her affinity with the wild animals.

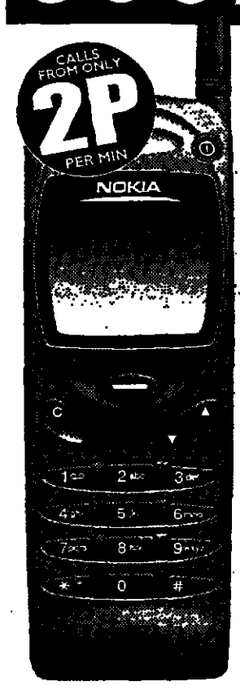
"When Misha finished her reading, she got down and faced the wolves," says Joni. "She put her hands around her face and let out a mellow howl. The wolves all responded. People were crying."

Misha says that in the wild she developed an acute sense of smell and hearing. They endure to this day, as does her mistrust of man. "I have been to Canada to visit a man there who has bear, a lynx and a moose who visit him," she says. "He rescues all animals. I fell in love with this man. That is what I would like, a log cabin in the woods, where I can be away from people and close to animals."

Before that, however, she wants to write another book about returning to civilisation from the wild. She thinks she will call it *Surviving With Humans*.

● Misha: A Memoire of the Holocaust *is published in the US by Mount Ivy Press*

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Castro's condition

There are unconfirmed reports that Fidel Castro, the President of Cuba, was admitted to hospital last October suffering from hypertensive encephalopathy (impairment to the brain's function as a result of high blood pressure). Fifty years ago, news that a 71-year-old man was in danger of having a fit, or had had one as a result of high blood pressure, would hardly have raised a medical eyebrow. In President Castro's case, the politicians would have been interested because death would have been likely within a year, but doctors wouldn't have been surprised — malignant hypertension was so common that it was an everyday problem in medical outpatients. It is a measure of the improvement in medicine that the President's setback deserves no more than a report on an inside page.

The details of his blood pressure have been sourced to Dr Elizabeth Trujillo who is quoted as saying that the President was admitted to Havana's Centre for Medical and Surgical Research and, while there, was heavily sedated.

High blood pressure is initially a silent condition and its ill effects increase so slowly that they may be missed until the pressure is at a dangerous level. Persistently raised blood pressure may cause heart failure with symptoms of breathlessness, swelling of the feet (oedema), a need to pass urine at night (nocturia) and extreme tiredness. Blood pressure may cause angina and increases the likelihood of a coronary thrombosis, it can damage the kidneys and, in consequence, induce all the signs of kidney failure, tiredness, vomiting, anaemia and swollen limbs. The cerebral circulation is also at risk.

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Neither headaches nor nose bleeds are an inevitable accompaniment to high blood pressure. Patients with a very high blood pressure, which is affecting the circulation to their brain, will also have dimness of vision from swelling of the retina of the eye, a stroke, or they may have encephalopathy. In hypertensive encephalopathy the patient usually presents in a coma having had a fit but if the patient is lucky, there is no evidence of the damage which would have been caused by a stroke.

The object of treatment must be to control the fits with intravenous valium and to bring down the blood pressure. It must be reduced immediately so that the patient doesn't suffer a cerebral haemorrhage, but not so quickly that they have an infarction, loss of the blood supply to tissues as a result of an artery being blocked by a clot.

If Castro did have hypertensive encephalopathy, his future will have been greatly improved by treatment; no longer do 90 per cent of sufferers die within the first year. His future will, to some extent, depend on whether he has already suffered kidney, heart or brain damage from undetected strokes. His age is on his side. Patients who are older who have hypertensive encephalopathy do better than younger ones but his sex is against him, women have a better prognosis than men.

What to put in the medicine chest, so that the 71-year-old *Times* reader doesn't go the same way as the Cuban President may have done? The first choice is usually diuretics or beta-blockers, or they may be combined. If there is any evidence of heart failure, ACE inhibitors which relax the blood vessels so that the blood pressure falls, may be the medication of choice. These are particularly useful in the elderly and those of Afro-Caribbean origin. Men with a benignly enlarged prostate and high blood pressure benefit from alpha-blockers, which help both at the same time.

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I adore babies but I don't think abortion should be illegal

Baroness Warnock explores the nature of goodness in her book on ethics. Interview by **Jane Shilling**

A strange thing about the House of Lords, I find, on presenting myself there for the first time, is how familiar it seems - the legacy, I imagine, of countless glimpses of it on the television screen. Arriving slightly early for my meeting with Baroness Warnock, I submit my bag to the security man's X-ray machine, on which he immediately detects the shadowy outline of my Swiss Army knife. Can he have a look, he asks. I hand it over, expecting it to be confiscated for the duration of my visit, but no, the inspection is for purposes of comparison only. The security man has a similar one, he says, producing it. But his, he has just realised, is fake.

Apparently unconcerned that I might use mine, he directs me to a seat from which I observe the entrance of a series of more or less elderly and decayed peers, many of them accompanied by pretty young women — teenage granddaughters, no doubt.

Lady Warnock, when she appears, offers something of a contrast to these charmingly stereotypical members of the House of Lords. At 74, she is far from decayed. She is elegant, in navy skirt and white linen shirt, and moves swiftly. Her manner is not precisely formidable, but certainly brisk. You would not care, were you her pupil, to offer her anything other than your best work.

We set off at a cracking pace down the gorgeous, gold and stained glass-embellished corridors. The walls are lined to the ceiling with bookcases, against which lean slender ladders. It is hard to imagine any of the peers I have just seen making their way up these. Presumably the Upper House employs a nimble team of librarians. "I have seen some of your writing," says Lady Warnock, conversationally. "Oh!" I say, my creeping sense of being a particularly dim undergraduate about to embark on a tutorial on a subject in which she is well out of her depth intensifying alarmingly.

> 'I don't think only the rational can be good'

I have come to the House of Lords to talk to Lady Warnock about her latest book, *An Intelligent Person's Guide to Ethics*, about which, well in advance of publication, there has already been (not, one imagines, to her publisher's dissatisfaction) a well-publicised row. Passing the Lords' bar, we run into Lady Warnock's old friend, Lord Longford. "Hello, Frank," says Lady Warnock. "Have you seen my book."

"Mmm," says Lord Longford, benignly, "I don't *think* so. It's all about abortion, isn't it, Mary?"

Oh dear. Well, no, it is *not* all about abortion, although that subject certainly comes up in chapter two, which addresses the ethics of birth. There are six chapters in all. The others deal with death, rights, where ethics comes from, freedom and responsibility, and the practical application of ethics.

What *An Intelligent Person's Guide to Ethics* is not, says Lady Warnock, is a "handbook on how to behave properly, like a guide to etiquette, or the Highway Code. Useful though such a book might be," she writes in her introduction. "It is not possible to write it. Ethics is . . . largely a matter of judgment and decision, or reasoning and sentiment, of having the right feeling at the right time, and every time is different."

There are, she remarks, lots of introductions to ethics, but she has found none of them particularly satisfactory. Her approach has been to select for examination various especially pressing ethical issues, to "try and make this a book that people might actually get into, even if they knew nothing about philosophy".

> 'I have sympathy for those who think abortion is wrong'

It is, in short, not a book about how to be good, but rather a book about what the nature of goodness might be. It is written, necessarily, from a personal and quite idiosyncratic standpoint. "If I seem unduly intolerant or minatory . . . it is because, given the nature of the subject matter, one's feelings must be engaged," Warnock writes.

In the late fifties, when Mary Warnock was first invited by the Oxford University Press to write on ethics, moral philosophy, with its admixture of feelings, and values, and other elements not easily subject to rational analysis, was not highly regarded. "Soft options for the girls, was then the general feeling," notes Warnock. However, it is precisely this element of the personal that makes *An Intelligent Person's Guide* such an interesting, and occasionally maddening, read. Warnock writes not merely as an academic philosopher, a public figure and member of the Establishment - a peeress, a former fellow of Philosophy at St Hugh's College, Oxford, Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, and chairman of the Committee of Inquiry into Human Fertilisation and Embryology, but also as a private person, someone with tendencies to evil as well as good (she admits, with horror, to a capacity for being a bully), the mother of five children, and the widow of Sir Geoffrey Warnock, the philosopher and Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, who died slowly and, one infers, in considerable discomfort and perhaps some dismay, from a disease of the lungs. All this gives an edge to, for example, her views on euthanasia, on the teaching of morality to children, and on abortion.

It was her brisk remark in the chapter on birth, that, "In my days as a headmistress, I more than once encouraged a 16 or 17-year-old girl to have an abortion as quickly as possible and come back to get on with her A levels" that engendered the pre-publication row. "I re-read that bit when I got the finished copy of my book," she says, "And I see I put it in rather a silly way. I sympathise enormously with people who think abortion is wrong because I so adored having babies myself, and the idea that this is a baby, potentially, does move me. But I don't think it should be illegal. I think I am unreliable on this subject because my feelings are engaged too much. But I can try and take a reasonable point of view, that one must take into account other considerations - namely, what sort of a life would this child have if it were born?"

This trenchant style of expression extends to a good many subjects that crop up during our conversation - the BBC, for example. "I am enraged by the dumming down of the BBC. I don't see why I should pay my licence fee." Do I realise, she asks, that there are to be no more lunchtime concerts from St John's, Smiths Square, broadcast on Radio 3? "It is absolutely monstrous."

Then there is politics. Had Lady Warnock had a vote at the last election, she thinks she would have cast it for Labour. This, however, does not prevent her from launching a devastating attack in her book on the activities of spin-doctors. "The belief that in order to get elected, you have to present yourself in a particular way is just about excusable," she says. "But to continue afterwards to think that everything can become the way you, as Prime Minister, personally want, provided only that you are packaged in a particular way, is derogatory of reason. It is totally scornful of ordinary people." She sits on the cross benches and observes that cross benchers have a natural tendency to oppose the party of government, whatever it may be.

The fierceness of expression is not, it turns out, only for use in public. Inquiring as to how she managed to conduct her career while raising five children ("Live-in nannies. Utter hell for years. The whole thing depended on nobody being ill."), I wonder whether any of the children had followed their parents into academic life. No, says Lady Warnock. When the children were at school, they used to hear their parents discussing their undergraduate pupils, "and we'd say, 'he's *completely* illiterate, he is so stupid'.". Somehow, it seemed rather to put the children off becoming philosophers. They took refuge instead in artistic tendencies.

None of this really encourages one to attempt to contradict her. But still, I nerve myself to try. The concluding chapter of her book contains some extremely interesting ideas on education and ethics. "It is," she writes, "morally imperative to treat children as morally competent. School is a place where a child, like Aristotle's young men, can practise doing what is good, and can thus come to prefer it to doing what is bad." This sounds, I say, rather as though to be good, you must first be clever. That goodness is something acquired, so to speak, by competitive examination. Ah, no, says Lady Warnock, not at all ferociously. "I don't think only the rational can be good. I think good people are good. As Kingsley Amis said, 'Nice people are nicer than nasty people'."

● An Intelligent Person's Guide to Ethics is published by Duckworth, £12.95.



PETER NICHOLLS

"*An Intelligent Person's Guide to Ethics* is not a handbook on how to behave," says Baroness Warnock

Please dad, not the jeans

Have parents forgotten that there is a generation gap? It is time it was restored, says **Bridget Harrison**

IT usually happens on family holidays — as it must have for the Blair children last year in France. We are talking about the grim realisation that your parents are trying to look cool.

As the Prime Minister waved to photographers outside his villa in Saint-Martin d'Oydes, one can imagine his children's secret discomfort. "No dad, not the jeans — not with that belly, that belt and those shoes."

Once, no hip wardrobe was without a pair of 501s or some sleekly fitting Lees. Now, sales of jeans are dropping rapidly.

According to a report compiled by researchers AC Neilson, sales fell by more than three million last year. Why?

Any self-respecting teenager knows the answer: their parents are wearing them and that is enough to destroy their cred. Who would want to wear an item of clothing whose status has been obliterated by a generation of forty-somethings? They may claim to have worn jeans all their life, but should they doggedly continue to squeeze into them despite expanding waistlines? As parents cling to the symbol of their long-gone youth, their children have realised that jeans can no longer be cool.

Few things are more excruciating than seeing people of your parents' age dressed in trendy clothes.

They do not have the shape or mannerisms to pull it off. The agony caused by embarrassingly dressed parents is best spotted in the summer check-in queues at Gatwick and Heathrow. There you will see teenagers standing slightly apart from their fussing parents, staring intently at the floor. This is to save themselves facing the toe-curling sight of dad decked out in an open-necked Polo shirt, oversnug denims and spanking white Reeboks, and mother sporting a cropped diamanté T-shirt from Kookai with Gap shorts.

I have never recovered from the experience of attending a Christmas party to which my *mother wore a ra-ra skirt*. A friend refused to be collected from school in case her friends saw her mother wearing cycling shorts and a pair of wraparound Oakleys. Another heaved a sigh of relief when her mother was persuaded to relinquish the size 10 Lurex-threaded cardigan she had rashly bought from Miss Selfridge.

So how do we want our parents to look? What we actually want them to do is to recognise the generation gap and dress accordingly. We want them to look like parents, which means people who have grown gracefully into their age and acquired a modicum of style along the way. I would rather see my father in a blazer or casual suit than the green leather baseball jacket he proudly wears at weekends. My friend, even now she has left school, begs her mother to swap her Lycra for a linen skirt.

This is not only to save us embarrassment, but to preserve the gear of the younger generation for whom it was designed. Jeans, baseball hats, cowboy boots, leather jackets, even Polo shirts, have already been lost to the uncool generation. Trainers will surely be the next to go. The shoes that have survived years of fashion change — and that once no hipster could be without — are finally on a sales decline. Nike this month announced company losses of $67.7 million (£42.3 million). They may blame recession in the Far East, but trainer devotees in this country know that another threatening trend is at large: the sight of mums and dads prancing along, proudly sporting a shiny white pair of Nikes with matching "tick" socks. This alone has been enough to force British teenagers to flee back to shoes and boots.



Uncool: Tony Blair

Tracksuits, admittedly the original garb of jogging forty-somethings, may also soon die a cool death. Once parents have bought trakkie bums (for those over 40: that's tracksuit bottoms) to match their sporty trainers, a generation of ravers will be forced to cast them aside, too. Or is it already too late to persuade parents to moderate their dress, especially when role models such as the Prime Minister are egging them on? Department stores, shops and markets stalls: please lock up your combat trousers now.

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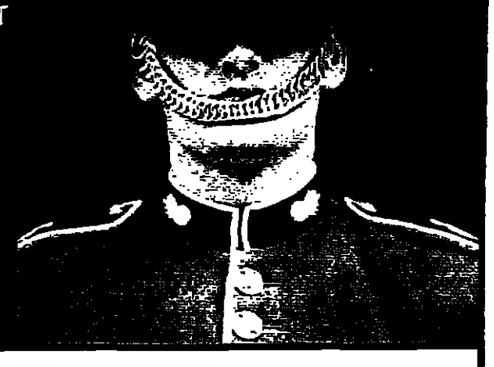
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The ghost in the machine is human

Technology is white noise without us, says **Michael Gove**

I have seen the future — and it needs more than Microsoft Works. In Idaho last week, listening to the forecasts of various technological seers, the medium occasionally usurped the message. While employees of News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, were being told how technology might change the planet, I was struck by the difficulty that speakers had in using their computers to change the slide display. More than one guru had to deploy interactive technology to correct the image. "Can we have the next slide, please?" they shouted to a man at the back. To see futurologists go back to basics in this way was humbling. Technology may not yet be our master, but it can be a curiously insolent slave.

The power of the voice in the age of the screen was reinforced particularly strongly during a presentation by the former Wall Street wizard Michael Milken. Mr Milken, once the pioneer of new financial instruments, is now the head of a charitable foundation in California. He was among the distinguished thinkers who had been invited to review future trends that could affect the world in which the communications industry operates. Mr Milken spoke for the best part of an hour and commanded our attention as effortlessly as he once dictated to the markets. His insights into future technology were fascinating, his arguments persuasive and the information, of course, private. But perhaps most fascinating was the way in which even as we were shown, like stout Cortés, new horizons from this mountain top, the manner of our enlightenment affirmed my traditionalist prejudices.

> Futurology books are items that would not have fazed Caxton

It was the personality of the speaker, his rhetorical power, not his visual aids, which held us. He acquainted us with a mass of data, which would have washed over us had he not edited it so skilfully. He took the white noise of technology and composed from it a *New World Symphony*.

The desire to know what the future holds is one of the oldest of human instincts. The executives, in every industry, who have attempted to catch up with the cutting edge before it goes blunt, or slices away at their margins, sit in a long tradition. Alvin Toffler's *Future-shock* and Nicholas Negroponte's *Being Digital* are the Sibylline Books of this century. But valuable as these texts are, it is worth pausing to remember that they are commodities that would not have fazed Caxton.

One of the most successful of today's Internet companies is a concern called amazon.com. The classical name is more than affectation, for this hyperspace market trades in an antique good. It has acquired a staggering billion-dollar market capitalisation on the US stock exchanges by selling books. Having spent the afternoon surfing, the new lords of the Web bury their netheads between quarto pages.

For the Luddite in us all, there is a special pleasure in the knowledge that, on the farthest shores of the future, Jane Austen will be there to greet us. But attached as I am to the smell of morocco leather, the sight of old orange Penguins on my shelves and an afternoon with a weighty Trollope on my lap, it is also important to recognise that the book — or, for that matter, the newspaper — will change dramatically in the next century. Those who love literature and who value the written word in all its forms, elevated or vulgar, must consider the vessel in which it can best navigate the turbulent waters ahead.

Romantic Tories like myself grow attached to institutions in themselves. In his essay *Rationalism in Politics*, the philosopher Michael Oakeshott argues persuasively that the practical knowledge which comes from familiarity with certain toolsis the invaluable complement to the technical knowledge required to perform a task. The old is not always the obsolete and a master chef is usually better using the Sabatier he has wielded since he was a kitchen boy than the Moulinex machine which bears his title.

Yet there are times when change makes redundant even the most convenient of tools and institutions. New generations familiarise themselves with techniques alien to their elders and leap ahead. The solicitor who has annotated his *Archbold* on criminal law over the course of a long career will have shaped an old tool to his needs. But the younger partner with access to case notes and precedents on his PC will soon trump his accumulated wisdom.

It is important, therefore, to remember what was valuable about institutions and tools in the first place, lest one become too attached to them over time. Will the book, or the newspaper, always be the best way of transmitting information?

Before very long, technology will deliver new means of transmission: computers that can be cradled in the hand as easily as any paperback or tabloid but which will have access to more things in Heaven and Earth than we have dreamed of. Faced with such change, the insight to which one should cling is the one made transparent by Mr Milken's address.

All the information in the world is useless unless it is weighed, analysed and presented with personality. Texts may not come in hand-tooled leather but they will still need to be written with style and edited judiciously. Whatever the medium, the world will listen not to a mass of data, but to those with a message.



Prescott's progress

Anyone who questions our love of the car needs courage and a thick skin

Libby Purves

I hope the Deputy Prime Minister finds time to go and see *Godzilla*. Mr Prescott might pick up a few hints from the giant lizard: how to rampage through congested urban streets, swat aside obstructions and keep your nerve when everybody hates you.

Above all, the Transport Secretary must rapidly study the art of growing a thick, scaly skin: the kind of carapace which, so far, his political master has conspicuously lacked. Godzilla would not keep stopping in his terrible tracks to give bleating interviews about how he is a "pretty straight sort of guy", nor allow himself to be distracted from munching a heavy goods vehicle by an urgent bleep from Alastair Campbell to the effect that 83.2 per cent of ABC focus groups are upset about his measures to penalise four-wheel-drive school runs of less than 0.7km. Godzilla would stamp and roar and gnaw regardless, and so must Mr Prescott.

For the task he has set himself is harder than taxation, sterner than recession, almost as demanding as war. To reduce car usage in the UK is a necessary but almost impossible task. It strikes at the very heart of everyday life as it has come to be lived by a respectable and self-righteous majority. To wean the British out of cars — even to reduce the time we spend in them — will be the hardest thing a modern government has ever done. It will awaken the normally unseen fury of the most easily governed people: of torpid citizens who yawn and flick over the page when the Government impoverishes single mothers, shrug at sleaze and cannot be bothered to think about EMU. These docile citizens will turn unprecedentedly nasty when their personal vehicular rights are challenged.

Every barb in the book will be aimed at Godzilla Prescott as he inexorably moves (as he must) from persuasion to coercion. Many of those barbs will be just the kind which normally go straight to new Labour's soft underbelly and make it writhe: "Nanny state! Politics of Envy! Stalinist planning!" The Deputy Prime Lizard must not show weakness: he must shake his great head and brush them off, and continue to rip with his pitiless claws at the hydrocarbon bonds which choke us. Let him give the slightest sign that he would like to be seen as a lovable kitten instead, and his crusade will be doomed.

Which would be a pity, because it is a good crusade. Our roads are among the most congested in Europe, and everyone suffers. In cities, the unchallenged priority given to cars makes life more dangerous and antisocial than is reasonable in an affluent democracy. The countryside suffers new roads like the tendrils of dry-rot; small-town communities are starved out of existence by monstrous malls. Wherever you live, the chances are that your life is degraded in some way by cars. And if yours is not then your children's is, or will be.

But of course, what degrades life is *other people's* cars, clogging the roads up and taking the parking spaces and spewing out fumes. Your own car is quite different. Your own car is a bringer of joy. It is a restful, protective cocoon of lovely engineering and private comfort; a suit of armour, a rolling home. One flick of your finger and cool or warm breezes blow gently round you; another flick and music eases you. It smoothly obeys when you turn the key, and may even purr a caring reminder to put your belt on. It loves you! It looks after you! Sometimes, emerging from some hell-train three hours late at Ipswich station, or plodding across an airport car park after a day of frustration and bad air, I have pointed the remote control key at my dear Metro from yards away, just for the pleasure of seeing it wink its lights in loyal greeting. Once in the car, I am captain of my soul and mistress of my fate, not dependent on anybody else's incompetent management or industrial unrest.

My own trips to work are a hybrid of car, train and tube: experience of all three makes it perfectly clear why so many business people choose to stay in their private bubble of territory all the way to the corporate car park, and will howl with pain when Mr Prescott taxes it more heavily. And even someone who can still — just about — shop in a high street shares the insane temptation to get into a nice, comfy Saab and drive 170 miles in order to buy two garden chairs and a bathmat. I admit it: *et in IKEA ego*. As for the school runs which Mr Prescott is also targeting, there is a regrettable but undeniable advantage in being able to hurl a certain dilatory type of child into the car before it has finished gnawing its Pop-tart or putting on its trainers. Yes, cars are tempting.

Moreover, public transport, once used as a matter of course by almost everybody, has not only deteriorated in quality and convenience but has come to be seen as a shameful last resort, suitable only for those marginalised classes — the very young, the very old, the very poor — who can't drive cars. And since the young, the old, and the poor do not have loud voices in politics, public transport will get no better without very firm centralist action indeed. This issue was shamefully dodged during the years of the Thatcher Government, some say because the Prime Minister herself had an instinctive dislike of public transport: cars, after all, beautifully represent "individuals and their families", while buses and trains represent "society".

The result was the starvation of the railways, and then their cynical and less than efficient privatisation; also the chaotic deregulation of bus services, resulting in their virtual disappearance from many rural areas and the fact that you can now stand in Oxford city centre and watch five different kinds of bus go by in ten minutes, all more or less empty. Nor has there ever been any serious attempt to integrate the different kinds of transport; bus depots are still long walks away from railway stations, cycle lanes scarce and dangerous, and commuter parking at stations is either non-existent or expensive. If I travel on business from Suffolk to Greenwich, for instance, quite apart from the high rail fares, it is actually a pound cheaper to park in the London borough, near the *Cutty Sark*, than to leave the car in the cheerless surroundings of suburban Ipswich.

An integrated transport policy is going to have to reach far and wide, coercing and persuading. Taxing workplace parking spaces is a start, but a real Godzilla would have whacked a decent tax on out-of-town retail parking as well. Nagging mothers about the school run is useless unless you invest — and police — to ensure children's safety. Photocalls with ministers on bicycles are all very well, but only really innovative thinking will bring ordinary commuters on to two wheels (like the Dutch system, now being piloted, of transparent tubes in which giant fans give the happy cyclist a permanent tailwind).

Most of all, though, it is important that the Government keeps its nerve. There will have to be careful and humane consideration given to those who genuinely cannot manage their lives without frequent car use: especially in rural areas, or where there is disability or difficult working hours. And of course the carrot must be put before the stick, and a tighter (even nannyish) grasp taken on those who run public transport. But even after all that, it will be Mr Prescott's unenviable duty to impose certain petty inconveniences and costs on the rest of us; and put up with our grumbling.

The price may be his own permanent unpopularity. But the reward is great. More sensible use of the roads — and more vigorous use of the feet and pedals — would result in a happier, saner, healthier, more relaxed populace, and probably a fall in crime. Cars sparingly used are a blessing; cars overused are a source of pollution and neurosis and alienation and despair. The stakes are very high. To play them will take nerve.

It won't do, Sir Richard

Sue Cameron says Whitehall needs a Gladstonian reform

The Prime Minister has ordered Sir Richard Wilson, Cabinet Secretary and the highest civil servant in the land, to have a second go at drawing up a set of rules for dealing with lobbyists.

It is not often that Cabinet Secretaries have their proposals thrown back at them. It seems that on this occasion, Tony Blair felt Sir Richard's attempt was not sufficiently clear cut. He wanted something more specific.

Sir Richard's task is not enviable. He is charged with restoring Whitehall's reputation for integrity and impartiality — a reputation which has lasted almost 150 years — at a time when his political masters are busily stuffing the government machine with their, er, cronies. (An unkind word, which belies the fact that many Blairite political appointees are talented people. But they have not won their posts through open competition, and therein lies the difficulty.)

His initial plan was to remind all special advisers — a euphemism for political appointees — that they are subject to the same code as other civil servants. Article Five of that code says: "Civil servants should ... give honest and impartial advice to ministers, *without fear or favour* ..."

The idea that party political appointees will act without fear or favour is, to borrow a term currently in use at No 10, c**p. All current political advisers favour the Labour Party. And it is only to be expected that they will try to help those outside Whitehall who also favour the Labour Party, despite Article Eight of the code.

This bans civil servants from misusing their official positions or information acquired in the course of their duties "to further their private interests or those of others".

The weakness of the code when applied to special advisers is that many will fear for their jobs if they fail to please their Labour masters. For they owe those jobs purely to political patronage. As Sir Richard tries to find a way out of this morass, he might reflect that Whitehall as we know it was born of jobbery.

"The old established political families habitually batten on the public patronage — their sons, legitimate and illegitimate, their relatives and dependants of every degree, are provided for by the score." So said a memo on the civil service written for Mr Gladstone, proponent of Whitehall's great reforms in the 19th century.

Mr Gladstone and Sir Charles Trevelyan, then Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, ended Civil Service jobbery by insisting that appointments should depend not on friends in high places but on merit. They brought in a system of open competitive examinations, supervised independently of politicians. The result was that the public knew civil servants were not in the pocket of any vested political or commercial interest.

Now an influx of outsiders into Whitehall, begun 20 years ago but stepped up by the Blairites, is eroding those standards. Today nobody can be sure that policy is not being swayed by a payment to the Labour Party, to one of the Government's pet projects or to an influential lobbyist.

So far the focus has been on the lobbyists. There have been calls for commercial lobbying companies to be registered, for a ban on Whitehall insiders attending lobbyists' parties. Yet in a democracy, all have a right to lobby government — even companies paid to do so. Much of what lobbyists do is based on the kind of research anyone could uncover, given the time and resources. There is nothing improper about it.

Lobbying can also help to inform ministerial decision-taking, as Whitehall's existing model contract for special advisers makes clear. It gives them the task of liasing "with outside interest groups to assist the minister's own access to their contribution".

What is more, the new breed of outsiders, both political appointees and those joining the Civil Service in mid-career, have helped to breathe fresh life into a Whitehall where Oxbridge-to-retirement job patterns had prevailed. But where will it stop? In 1979 there were seven political advisers. Today there are ten times as many.

One way to allay concern about their role would be to make them subject to a Civil Service Act — a device Labour considered in opposition — which could limit their numbers and make it a legal requirement that all other outsiders in Whitehall be appointed through open competition.

There is one other move Sir Richard might consider. The Act could lay down that all key appointments in Whitehall should be scrutinised publicly by an all-party Commons select committee, which could also monitor commercial lobbying companies.

Openness is one of the best safeguards against misconduct. Sir Richard might try making lobbying easier. He could order departments to do more to help people find out what is going on in Whitehall, and how to ensure their views are heard. Then the undue influence of both lobbyists and special advisers might be reduced.

Gladstone's Whitehall reforms were bitterly contested, not least by Queen Victoria. Today the integrity of those at the top of the Civil Service is still beyond dispute. Yet if they are to preserve Whitehall from taint, clean hands will not be enough. They may need the stomach for a fight.

Short story

THAT extraordinary court battle between a Filipino madam and a retired belly-dancer that ensured Colin Moynihan inherited his half-brother's title may have inspired a racy novel by a senior Tory. *The Caverel Claim* by Lord Rawlinson is about a black American stripper who breezes into Britain unannounced to claim the handle and estate of the 16th Baron Caverel. She declares she is the daughter of the baron's brother, but his widow denies this is possible since her brother-in-law was hardly the marrying kind. Moynihan, a former Tory minister, could not assume the title of 4th Baron Moynihan of Leeds and his seat in the Lords until a 1996 High Court judgment on his stepbrother's marital status when he died. Sir Stephen Brown ruled that Anthony Moynihan's fifth marriage, to Jinna Sabiaga (pictured, with Colin) was bigamous, so Daniel, her son, could not inherit. The peer, a bounder who ran South Seas brothels, had still been married to Editha, his fourth wife, when he died in 1991. But Andrew, her son, was also unable to inherit because DNA showed he was not the aristocrat's offspring.

Rawlinson, Edward Heath's Attorney-General, denies that the Moynihan case was his inspiration: "It's based on the Tichborne claimant, a 19th-century case in which a man claimed to be a long-lost heir but turned out to be a butcher from Wapping." But the words of his book appear to confound his denial. When I read the blurb to a Moynihan crony, she replies: "Hmm. Sounds familiar."



● *THAT pair of lions, Michael Portillo and Peter Mandelson, were huddled in a corner of No 10's Cabinet Room last week. What black arts were they practising? A television interview, apparently, for Portillo's programme about the Tory party. "They got on extraordinarily well," I am told. "Perhaps they have a lot in common."*

Poor box

A CABAL of Tory grandees are plotting to reward their sacked colleagues, turfed out last year, with a Christmas pensioners' bonus. A former Cabinet minister, John MacGregor, MP (remember him?) has asked former MPs to provide hard-luck stories about their dismal attempts to find work since the rout. The trials of Derek Conway, the former whip turned Cats Protection League counsellor, and David Nicholson, now a junior Commons researcher, will be added to the dossier.

"The difficulties of re-establishing a career elsewhere," says MacGregor, will help him to suggest a "shopping list of possible improvements" which will ideally take the form of bundles of cash in brown envelopes — sorry, pensions. MacGregor urges Tories to put pride aside and admit they are failures: "It may just conceivably be in your interests," he says, eyes glinting.

● *LIBERAL MPs like a bit of fancy dress, so no surprise to find Nigel Jones (pictured with friends) imitating W.G. Grace at a Cheltenham cricket match. Unfortunately he used super-strong glue to stick the false beard on top of his obligatory existing beard (he is a Liberal, remember). "It took 30 minutes to get it off, then they made me put it on again during the interval to cut a cake. I looked as if I was suffering from a runny nose and felt too ashamed to greet constituents."*

In a spin

ALASTAIR CAMPBELL is to be cross-examined under oath as to just how the description "psychologically flawed" attached itself to Gordon Brown. The High Court will play host to the PM's press secretary later this week, in the latest twist in a bizarre feud involving Campbell and Rupert Allason, the novelist, conspiracist and former MP. The Court of Appeal has ordered a retrial of Allason's claim for "malicious falsehood" against Campbell and Mirror Group Newspapers.

Although Allason lost the original case and faced a £250,000 legal bill, the judge criticised Campbell for being "less than completely open and frank." Now Rupes hopes to ram home that advantage in the rematch.

"I shall be raising the issue of whether Campbell tells the truth and testing statements attributed to him regarding the Chancellor." Allason will also quiz David Bradshaw, a former Mirror colleague of Campbell's, whom Blair's man claimed misled him. Bradshaw now works in No 10 with Campbell. Allies of the Chancellor could be forgiven for hoping the case runs and runs.

● *GOLF mania has even hit the Dome. Builders there round off a day contemplating the role for historicism in a new century by taking driving practice in the still-empty Dome. This was inspired by Tiger Woods's 450-yard drive at Royal Birkdale. "Tiger couldn't drive it," said David Trench, chief Rawlplug at the wigwam. With little agreement about what to put inside, an indoor golf course might prove the most popular option.*



Browned off

THE ELEVATION of Tina Brown to film mogul has prompted a tirade of naive anti-British abuse from one of the Hollywood brat-pack. Courtney Love (pictured), widow of the late rocker Kurt Cobain and now an actress, has urged the former *New Yorker* Editor to make a prompt return to these shores. Tina should pack up her "un-American, British, 'born a serf, die a serf' attitude. This is America! It's not England!" The animus dates to a searching portrait Brown ran of Love while Editor of *Vanity Fair*.

"If Brown enters LA, I'm going to throw her right back out," warbles the excitiable Love. Miss Love needs to acquire some manners. I hereby invite her to Diary Towers — and I will give her the benefit of my knowledge.

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An anything but integrated transport policy

How can a Government reduce traffic congestion without unfairly penalising the use of the car? Yesterday's Transport White Paper, the latest attempt to solve this puzzle, has spent months in Whitehall's slow lane caught in political contraflows. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, must know that any politician who tries to curb motorists risks road rage. If millions of voters are not to feel aggrieved they need to see evidence that alternative public modes of transport will credibly compete with the convenience of the car. Yet despite Mr Prescott's protestations that he was not "anti-motorist", the White Paper contains too little on improving public transport, and proposes too much that could penalise drivers.

The Government is right that failure to tackle traffic congestion would be the most anti-car policy of all. Past transport policy has been based on the principle of "predict and provide": roads were built to meet projections of traffic growth. More roads simply attracted more cars — and more jams. Environmentalists yelped as the countryside disappeared under Tarmac. But drivers had little incentive to use public transport: years of trade union militancy, public sector inefficiency and under-investment in Britain's railways (and London's Tube) produced an unreliable and expensive system. Labour claimed to offer a new approach — an "integrated" transport policy — which would co-ordinate policies affecting all means of travel. It would make travelling by public transport as potentially attractive an option as using the car.

Mr Prescott's policy baggage, however, contains few carrots. Over the next three years, his department will spend an extra £1.3 billion on measures to improve travel by bus, rail and bicycle. This will pay for a medley of well-meaning palliatives (like a single telephone help-line for all bus and train inquiries, and guaranteed half-price travel for pensioners on all buses). But such interventions amount to no more than a hillock of band-aids. If travelling by public transport is to be made less of a headache for commuters then the answer is not gently tranquillising doses of public money but the stimulus of private enterprise. Ministers are relying on "public-private partnership" to increase investment in the London Underground. But why should the system not be fully privatised? The Government hopes that rail operators will risk investing more in the railways. But private companies are reluctant to invest more when the lifetime of their franchises is short and their renewal uncertain. Public transport needs both entrepreneurs who are allowed to be enterprising and more input from the Treasury. Because the Chancellor will only make a litle portion of his money available for public transport, the private motorist must shoulder the burden.

Mr Prescott claimed that his White Paper is "good news for the motorist". It is not. Road users already contribute about £30 billion in taxes each year. Under Mr Prescott's proposals they would pay even more — for driving on motorways and in congested city centres, for parking at work, for visiting beauty spots. The proceeds of these taxes would be earmarked for spending on public transport. But taxes come first, dividends later. Without prior improvement in the buses or railways, these proposals will be greeted with hostility. The average weekly shopping for a family of four weighs 80 pounds: unless there is a guaranteed door-to-door bus or delivery service, shopping by car will remain the practical option. Until parents can count on a safe and punctual school bus, the school run will continue to create a fifth of urban congestion. And until trains are cheaper and more reliable, people will prefer to brave motorway traffic jams. Mr Prescott wills the benign end — as who does not? But he has yet to demonstrate that where there's a will, there's a way.

PIPE DREAMS OF PEACE

Only tough decisions will bring peace to Colombia

Celebrating national independence yesterday, Colombians were in sanguine mood. President-elect Andres Pastrana is exploiting that window of opportunity which opens in the country every four years — the people's enthusiasm for a new face in Government — by initiating a bold peace offensive. A nation made cynical by corruption now dares to hope for a ceasefire to end a 34-year civil war and offer the possibility of economic renewal. But before any peace deal can be struck a compromise must be made between Marxist guerrillas' demands for reform and the free market principles of Mr Pastrana — while appeasing powerful military and paramilitary organisations.

When Mr Pastrana was elected a month ago — breaking a 12-year grip on power by the Liberal Party — he vowed to make peace his priority. Now, still three weeks from his inauguration, he should be applauded for wasting no time in fulfilling this pledge. On July 9 he became the first Colombian president ever to hold face-to-face talks with the leader of the most disruptive guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). These set the stage for future negotiations by agreeing to the demilitarisation of 16,000 square miles of southern Colombia so that FARC guerrillas might gather without fear of state reprisal. Last week it was the turn of the smaller National Liberation Army (ELN). At a forum near Frankfurt, sponsored by the German bishops' conference, the ELN agreed to stop using anti-personnel mines and to participate in a national convention.

Colombia can ill afford the cost of ongoing civil conflict. From the Government's point of view, its military is torn between protecting oil and hydro-electric installations in the north and quelling insurgency in the guerrilla dominated South where it has recently suffered bloody and humiliating defeats. As for FARC and the ELN, the malign spread of state tolerated paramilitary forces, paid for by landowners, agrobusinesses and drug cartels, threatens their traditional grass roots support.

Civilians pay the price. Impoverished villagers, suspected of guerrilla sympathies, are terrorised both by the army and by paramilitaries. Rebel organisations have turned to kidnapping and extortion to raise the funds lost through dwindling civilian support. Thirty-four years of war have cost some 35,000 lives: the conflict knocks an estimated 2 per cent off annual economic growth. Foreign investment is threatened.

And yet it may not be in the best interests of the elites to see an end to the war. The country is awash with illegal cash. The result is that politicians, from the outgoing President Samper downwards, have been accused of accepting payoffs from drug barons; senior officers in the infamously corrupt military secure valuable equipment contracts for themselves, and hire out the services of their conscripted men. Although hopes for a ceasefire may be high, in reality progress towards it will be a protracted squabble. The first step that must be taken is a guarantee to honour any agreements to the letter. This will provide a basis of trust. Mr Pastrana, too, should push for an internationally recognised human rights accord, such as that which heralded the end of civil war in El Salvador. But only Mr Pastrana's efforts will show whether there is a genuine desire for peace in Colombia.

GRAMMAR GRABBERS

Robin Hood, Robin Hood, with his band of irregular verbs

Italian Robin Hoods are beefing up his legend. As our Rome Correspondent reported yesterday, a dozen armed men have held up the staff in a warehouse in Turin. They were armed with weapons noisier and more indiscriminate than long bows of English yew. And they were dressed in black not Lincoln green. But they knew the ancient slogan of the people's hero. As they drove away after spending two hours loading their booty into lorries, they shouted: "We are the Robin Hoods of culture. We are stealing these to give to less fortunate Italians."

But this time their booty was neither gold nor jewels nor even bread, taken from the rich to give to the poor. It consisted of Latin and Greek dictionaries and school texts. The Loescher publishing house, specialists in academic textbooks since 1867, had more than 100,000 such books packed in crates ready for the start of the academic term. Not any more. And the publishers are left as empty-handed as Sheriffs of Nottingham and Guys of Gisborne since the Dark Ages.

There is a mystery about this story. The mystery is not that Italian hoods should adopt as their hero Robin Hood of Locksley, or other places from Yorkshire to Sherwood that claim to be Robin's birthplace. It is true that Italy has its own native robber heroes such as Tancred, Roland and pious Aeneas himself, whose merry men arrived in Italy as outlaws even more predatory than Robin's. But from medieval poems to modern screenplays, Robin Hood has become the universal archetype of the virtuous robber. He is the most popular hero in faction. There are few lines to learn, and virile stars from Douglas Fairbanks and Errol Flynn onwards get a chance to show off their legs in tights. Robin is adaptable. In the recent version, Kevin Costner played him as a California beach-boy when the serf is up. Robinhoodismo has taken stranger disguises than his trip to Turin.

The mystery lies in how the robbers intend to dispose of their loot. It will take them a long time if they are going to lurk outside school gates hissing "Pssst! Anybody like a free Latin grammar?" And they may not get an enthusiastic response from everyone. For English children irregular verbs and classical paradigms are stock examples of impossible work rather than a pleasure. Scholarly students are notoriously impecunious and greedy for books. If the cultural Robin Hoods can ship their booty to Cambridge, they will find there this week scholars assembled from all over the world for the triennial meeting of Greek and Roman Societies. But these are mostly academics who are writing textbooks and compiling school dictionaries rather than wanting them. And many of their sessions are concerned not with books but with data bases, electronic journals and IT (by which they mean information technology not *is, ea, id*). The only cliché in this latest chapter of Robin Hood is the reaction of the Italian police. They say that they are baffled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New thinking on how to protect the public from crime

From Sir Geoffrey Dear

Sir, Both police and public alike should be reassured by the suggestion from the Chief Constable of Surrey that private security firms could soon be working with the police to provide uniformed patrols in public places, operating (without police powers) either under police direction or, at the very least, within broad police guidelines (report, July 17). The support of the Home Secretary is welcome and timely.

The proposition flows logically from the requirements for partnership embodied in the Crime and Disorder Bill. The police have effectively ceased to patrol large areas of this country as demands on their time grow; their budgets will never increase enough to reverse that trend; and our police efforts are, rightly, more and more focused on serious crime, often involving the deployment of surveillance teams — highly successful but further depleting manpower available for patrol duties.

The Special Constabulary continues to play an invaluable part, but will never be able to provide the numbers required to assuage the cry "we never see a policeman" — an expressed fear that authority has abandoned that area. The key lies in the proper regulation of the security industry, a requirement that it has sought for years and is now long overdue.

But all of this is against a much more serious background. The threat to the wellbeing and economic stability of this country from serious organised crime is great and is growing. Recommendations made by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary 18 months ago for two new approaches to the problem are only now being discussed.

Legislation is required to mirror that already enacted in the US and the Republic of Ireland, enabling courts to require a suspected racketeer to declare the source of his income or assets, or risk their confiscation.

Secondly, it only requires a change in Treasury rules to allow the police to employ professional forensic accountants to recover the proceeds of criminality — often vast fortunes — and be paid out of the money recovered rather than out of a police budget, currently a grave disincentive to police. CPS attempts to recover criminal money have so far proved to be woefully inadequate.

The existence of those two facilities would encourage the police to concentrate more successfully on the sophisticated and dangerous end of the criminal spectrum. Adequate patrol cover could be produced from elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
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July 19.

From Mr Lawrence T. Roach

Sir, One can only hope that the Home Secretary was misreported when represented as welcoming the idea of the introduction of locally recruited and employed patrols to replace professional police officers. It was the disastrous failure of the system of parochial watchmen and other local watch associations to keep the peace or protect citizens which caused his illustrious predecessor, Robert Peel, to replace them with the New Police in 1829.

Mr Straw is equally misinformed if he believes that we have never had our police officers "walking up and down the street all day". That was precisely the function and duty given the New Police on their formation, and the activity which I was taught to regard as my primary function when I joined the service as a new recruit more than 100 years later.

Times may have changed but the obligation on government to provide effective and reliable protection for citizens and their property remains. Modern voters may understand the difficulty in providing that service, but that is not the same as saying that they no longer want it.

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From Ms Sybil Sharpe

Sir, It would seem that drawing inferences about innocence or guilt from a suspect's silence is not enough. Now the Association of Chief Police Officers proposes that the law should allow for proof of guilt by association and guilt by reputation ("Police seek new laws to target crime bosses", report, July 16).

If these proposals are ever implemented — and in the current hysteria surrounding the need for crime control it seems possible that they might be — it will no longer be necessary to prove the actual commission of an offence. Guilt by assumption and inference will replace proof beyond reasonable doubt.

As the Chief Constable of Hampshire admits, these proposed changes could affect all criminals, not simply the organisers of international crime. If such "proof" were allowed, I believe it would be a short step to the total abolition of adversarial trial proceedings.

What seems to be overlooked is that factual and legally-proven guilt or innocence are separate concepts as far as the criminal justice system is concerned — and for the protection of all of us they need to remain so.

Yours etc,
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From Mr Jack Palmer

Sir, I believe that the police sometimes exclude damning evidence because it is deemed to have been obtained illegally. In such cases the criminal gets away with his crime; other criminals are encouraged, the police are disheartened, the public feel cheated and unprotected, and the victims or surviving family feel let down.

Where evidence in a criminal case is thought to have been obtained illegally the case should be allowed to continue, with the evidence displayed to the jury. They might well be asked to consider the way it was obtained, but should weigh it just as heavily as it deserves.

Illegally obtained evidence should then be the subject of a separate inquiry, and if proved so should result in suitable punishment to the perpetrator. That would balance the different aspects of public good.

Yours sincerely,
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Potential danger of living wills

From Lord McColl of Dulwich and others

Sir, The Government has finished its public consultation on the proposed reforms to the medical treatment of those with mental incapacity. As it discusses in private the proposals contained in the Green Paper, *Who Decides?*, published last December, we believe that it should not proceed with legislation making living wills legally binding on healthcare professionals.

The hospice movement, in their evidence to the select committee of the House of Lords on medical ethics in 1993, said: "We believe that the interest of patients will be best served by resisting attempts to make advance directives enforceable by statute law." We support this view.

Furthermore, we share the view upheld by that committee that progressive development and the ultimate acceptance of the notion that some treatment is inappropriate should make it unnecessary to consider the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration, except where its administration is in itself evidently burdensome to the patient.

Unless the patient is in the final stages of a terminal illness, to withdraw food and fluid is unacceptable. We hope that the Government will refrain from introducing legislative proposals which could harm vulnerable people.

Yours faithfully,
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July 20.

George Lloyd's music

From Mr Peter Marchbank

Sir, I quite agree with Edward Pearce (letter, July 13) that George Lloyd owed the BBC nothing. Nor should any composer. However, as the Senior Producer for the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra from 1977 until 1990, I can proudly claim to have broadcast ten of George's symphonies, three of his piano concertos, one of his violin concertos and to have made the orchestra available for a complete recording of his opera, *John Socman*.

Despite the lack of enthusiasm from many senior members of the BBC Music Department, at no time was there any pressure not to broadcast George's music. Indeed, I persuaded Robert Ponsonby, then Controller of Music, to include the Sixth Symphony in the 1986 Proms and we included the Ninth Symphony in the programmes for a tour of Italy. Composers, like all artists, need friends and champions and George Lloyd had many, in the persons of Edward Downes, then principal conductor, and the musicians of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

Fashion is fickle and entirely unpredictable. Pierre Boulez once remarked that we can only perform music and let posterity decide whether or not it is great. Like many composers, George Lloyd had a golden youth and the Indian summer to which Mr Pearce refers; Michael Tippett would probably have claimed the same.

To my mind, far too many composers of middle years, whose music I was pleased to champion in the 1980s, are currently being neglected in favour of music that boasts a quasi-mystical content. The BBC that did so much to support the living composer, no matter what his style, has to a large extent retreated from this position. The occasional first performance is broadcast but thereafter the piece will be neglected.

The sad truth is that many composers are now writing in a style that is approachable and yet their music is not being heard. Like George Lloyd, they must go out and find conductors, orchestras, producers and even record companies to champion their cause.

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Drunk in custody

From Father Barry Carpenter, Chairman of Inner London Detoxification Centre

Sir, I was very glad to see the letter from Jan Prebble (July 3; see also letters, July 9, 13) raising the desirability of establishing detoxification centres. This centre is working to establish such a centre in Camden and Islington to deal with the homeless rough-sleeping street drinkers who have not been catered for in any government or local authority care plans. The intention is to provide an alternative to the cycle of arrest, police cells and court appearances. We have been working with another charity in this field to provide a service which will divert the street drinker from police custody to an opportunity for medical help.

Since Mrs Prebble's letter was published the Social Exclusion Unit has produced its report on street homelessness. The proposal to appoint a co-ordinator to tackle the problem in London — the so-called "czar" [leading article, July 9; letters, July 13, 18] — is welcome, but the suggestion that homeless people may be *forced* to use shelters gives cause for concern. It suggests that the priority will be to clear the streets rather than tackle root causes.

The needs of homeless street drinkers must be tackled as part of any strategy. In addition the czar must be given sufficient funds to provide a detoxification option that will relieve the police, hospital accident and emergency departments and the ambulance service of an inappropriate burden.

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Diana souvenirs

From Major R. J. de V. Wade, RE (retd)

Sir, You report (July 11 and 13) that the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund wants our views on "suitable" souvenirs, and that it may spend up to £3 million over several years on worldwide "licencing".

Surely much money could be saved, and controversy avoided, if a free market were to be allowed to operate. People would only buy what they themselves thought suitable, and manufacturers would have to cater accordingly.

The market would be saturated in a year and would then die down. The fund could close — and those who wished could support Diana's favourite charities directly without the expense of bureaucratic and legal middlemen.

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July 13.

Lobbying rules

From the President of the Institute of Public Relations

Sir, The Institute of Public Relations (IPR) has been campaigning for the regulation of lobbyists in the UK for more than 30 years (letter, July 15; see also letters, July 8, 9, 11).

Public affairs is a legitimate business and it is the professional practitioner who wants regulation, and the implicit transparency and accountability that comes with it, not the fringe activist looking for status.

An IPR and Public Relations Consultants Association (PRCA) task force has already reviewed three models of regulation, and believes the system used by the Canadian Parliament probably best fits UK legislative needs and requirements. This model meets all the necessary criteria of transparency, ease of administration and clear penalties for those who break the rules.

However, any system of regulation will have to take into account the regional assemblies. I have already met Scottish and Welsh Office officials to discuss and propose options for the regulation and codification of the behaviour of lobbyists for the Welsh assembly and the Scottish parliament.

The best way forward now would be for Parliament, Whitehall, the IPR, the PRCA and the Association of Professional Political Consultants to join together to provide a solution to a problem that has been ducked for 30 years or more.

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From Mr Richard Masters

Sir, Anthony Howard is not correct when he says today (article, "Creatures of the dark") that 40 years ago no one had even heard of a lobbyist.

In the 1950s the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association (BEAMA), for one, employed a firm of lobbyists (Claud Simmonds) with the aim of changing government policies on purchase tax and restrictive practices in the electrical industry. I doubt that Simmonds was the first of his kind.

Yours faithfully,
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July 14.

Canine jealousy

From Miss Lindsay Mann

Sir, New babies may indeed raise fatal canine jealousy, but your article (July 14) did not mention that worried new parents might perhaps simply need that most elusive of qualities: foresight.

Some animal behaviourists are of the opinion that dogs can be taught to welcome (or at least to tolerate) a new addition to the family. Owners can be taught to prepare the dog for less intense contact when the baby arrives and to not feel threatened.

An example of this kind of teaching is to practise nappy-changing on the floor with a doll. The dog is taught to lie down nearby on its own mat and is given treats and praise. Thus the dog will associate one new baby-centred activity as a rewarding experience and not feel left out.

Electric-shock collars, mentioned in the article, are sometimes used as a training shortcut. However, a dog reprimanded in this way for growling at a baby will associate its presence with pain and may either attack the baby or become afraid of it. I consider the use of such collars as unkind, ineffective and extremely dangerous.

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Biblical origins

From Ms Gillian Cohn

Sir, In answer to Roger Green (letter, July 16), it is not at all strange that the Jewish priestly caste goes back to Exodus rather than Genesis. Judaism evolved from the time of Abraham, when the Temple was not yet established, and the priestly caste, or Cohanim, dates from the time of the Exodus from Egypt.

Aaron, the brother of Moses, was the original High Priest and the progenitor of the priestly caste, of which I am one patrilineally, although, as a woman, not able to perform priestly functions. Nevertheless, I do take a modest pride in my 3,000 years of breeding.

Yours faithfully,
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Educational first

From Mrs Jean Bullimore

Sir, How my heart leapt when I read the headline, "Infants go to the front of the class" (later editions, July 16).

At last, on the very day I retired, after over 40 years of teaching in this sector, the Government has recognised that it is at this level everything begins — learning, punctuality, good attendance, consideration for others and so much more. Nothing was ever built well without a good foundation.

Yours sincerely,
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No resting place?

From Ms Caroline Bateman

Sir, Some time ago, I was asked by an overseas academic to be put in touch with a specialist in "resurrection" (letters, July 15, 17). I was very tempted to refer this query to Lambeth Palace but duly gave the caller details on how to contact a London expert in resuscitation.

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From Mrs Stanley Alexander

Sir, Here, in our Elmbridge Borough Council, cemeteries are dealt with in the committee called "Leisure Services" — which seems quite apt.

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COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 20: The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new British Airways Corporate Headquarters at Waterside, Heathrow, Middlesex, toured the building and met members of staff.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, this evening attended a sponsors' Dinner at Wrotham Park, Hertfordshire.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 20: The Duke of York today participated in the York Challenge Cup in aid of Children in Crisis at Wentworth Golf Club, Virginia Water, Surrey.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening presented the prizes at the Pro-Am Golf Classic Challenge in aid of the British Deaf Association at the Royal Automobile Club, Epsom, Surrey.

The Duke of York later presented the prizes for the York Challenge Cup at Wentworth Golf Club.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 20: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, this morning attended a Seminar on architecture and planning at the British Council, Central District, Hong Kong.

This afternoon His Royal Highness called upon the Deputy Secretary for Transport (Mr Kevin Ho) at the Central Government Offices.

Later The Duke of Gloucester visited the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC), Hung Hom Station (architects: Norman Foster, Asia).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Hong Kong Housing Authority Exhibition in Kowloon.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning attended a Reception at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel given by the KELY Support Group, which offers support to young people.

Her Royal Highness later visited the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts, Wanchai District.

This afternoon The Duchess of Gloucester visited the Thomas and Jessie Tam Centre for Bereavement Counselling, Education and Resources, Lai Kok Estate, Cheung Sha Wan.

This evening The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained to Dinner by the Chief Executive of the People's Republic of China Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Mr Tung Chee Hwa) at Government House.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00.

Princess Alexandra will be present.

Prince Edward will take the salute on the opening night of the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal will open the Mallaig Harbour Extension Breakwater, Inverness-shire, at 1.45.

Hereford and Worcester Lieutenancy

Sir Geoffrey James Dear has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Worcestershire.

Sir John Henry Geers Cotterell has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Picard, astronomer, La Flèche, France, 1620; Paul von Reuter, founder of the news agency, Kassel, Germany, 1816; Hart Crane, poet, Garrettsville, Ohio, 1899; Ernest Hemingway, writer, Nobel laureate 1954, Oak Park, Illinois, 1899.

DEATHS: Robert Burns, poet, Dumfries, 1796; Dame Ellen Terry, actress, Hythe, 1928; Sir Herbert Barker, manipulative surgeon, Lancaster, 1950; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, 1962; Albert Luthuli, President of the African National Congress 1952-60, Nobel Peace laureate 1960, Stanger, South Africa, 1967; Basil Rathbone, actor, New York, 1967.

Confederate victory in the first battle of Bull Run in the American Civil War, 1861.

The Tate Gallery opened, 1897.

The Trans-Siberian railway was completed after 13 years' work, 1904.

Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon (Apollo XI mission), 1969.

Birthdays today

Professor Heather Angel, wildlife photographer, 57; Professor Frank Ashley, Dean of the Dental School, United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, 56; Dom Aidan Bellenger, former Head Master, Downside School, 48; Sir Nigel Broackes, former honorary president, Trafalgar House, 64; Sir Andrew Buchanan, Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, 61; Sir Robert Burns, diplomat, 55; Mr John Burrow, Chief Constable, Essex, 63; Dame Joyce Daws, thoracic surgeon, 73; Sir Stephen Egerton, former diplomat, 66; Miss Buchi Emecheta, writer, 54; Canon Donald Gray, Speaker's Chaplain, 68; Mr Norman Jewison, film director, 72; Mr Ian Judge, theatre director, 52; Sir Kirby Laing, former chairman, Laing Properties, 82; Mr Gerald Malone, former MP, 48; Dr Jonathan Miller, film, theatre and opera director, 64; Mr R.S. Napier, former chief executive, Redland, 51; Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, KG, 83; Mr Bill Pertwee, actor, 72; Mr Julian Pettifer, broadcaster, 63; Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, 70; Mr Karel Reisz, film director, 72; Mr Michael St John Parker, Headmaster, Abingdon School, 57; Mr Isaac Stern, violinist, 78; Mr D.J. Trevelyan, former Principal, Mansfield College, Oxford, 69; Mr Robin Williams, actor and comedian, 46; Sir Ian Wood, chairman and managing director, John Wood Group, 56; Mr Peter Wright, former Chief Constable, South Yorkshire, 69.

Memorial service

Professor Ged Adams
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Ged Adams, Chairman of the Gray Laboratory Cancer Research Trust, was held yesterday at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood. The Rev Olwen Field, Chaplain of Mount Vernon Hospital, officiated.

Sir Oliver Scott and Professor Peter Wardman, of the Gray Laboratory, read the lessons, and Professor Jack Boag gave an address. Mr Andrew Adams and Mr Richard Adams (sons), Professor George Radda, FRS, Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council, and Professor David Brenner (representing the Director of the Department of Radiology, Columbia University, United States) paid tribute. Among others present were:
Mrs Adams (widow), Mr and Mrs Jonathan R Adams, Mr and Mrs Andrew J Adams (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs Richard Adams (daughter-in-law), Miss Emily Adams and Mr William Adams (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Philip Adams (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Peter Ray (brother-in-law), Mrs Ellenette Ray (sister-in-law), Mrs Lisa Mayall, Miss Denise Adams, Dr Jo Beall, Mr Charles Beall, Mr Paul Adams, Mr Alex Ray and many other friends and former colleagues.

Baron Clement-Jones

The life barony conferred upon Mr Timothy Francis Clement-Jones has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Clement-Jones, of Clapham in the London Borough of Lambeth.**

Baron Mackenzie of Framwellgate

The life barony conferred upon Mr Brian Mackenzie has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Mackenzie of Framwellgate**, of Durham in the County of Durham.

Baroness Uddin

The life barony conferred upon Mrs Manzila Pola Uddin has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baroness Uddin**, of Bethnal Green in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Baron Alli

The life barony conferred upon Mr Waheed Alli has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Alli**, of Norbury in the London Borough of Croydon.

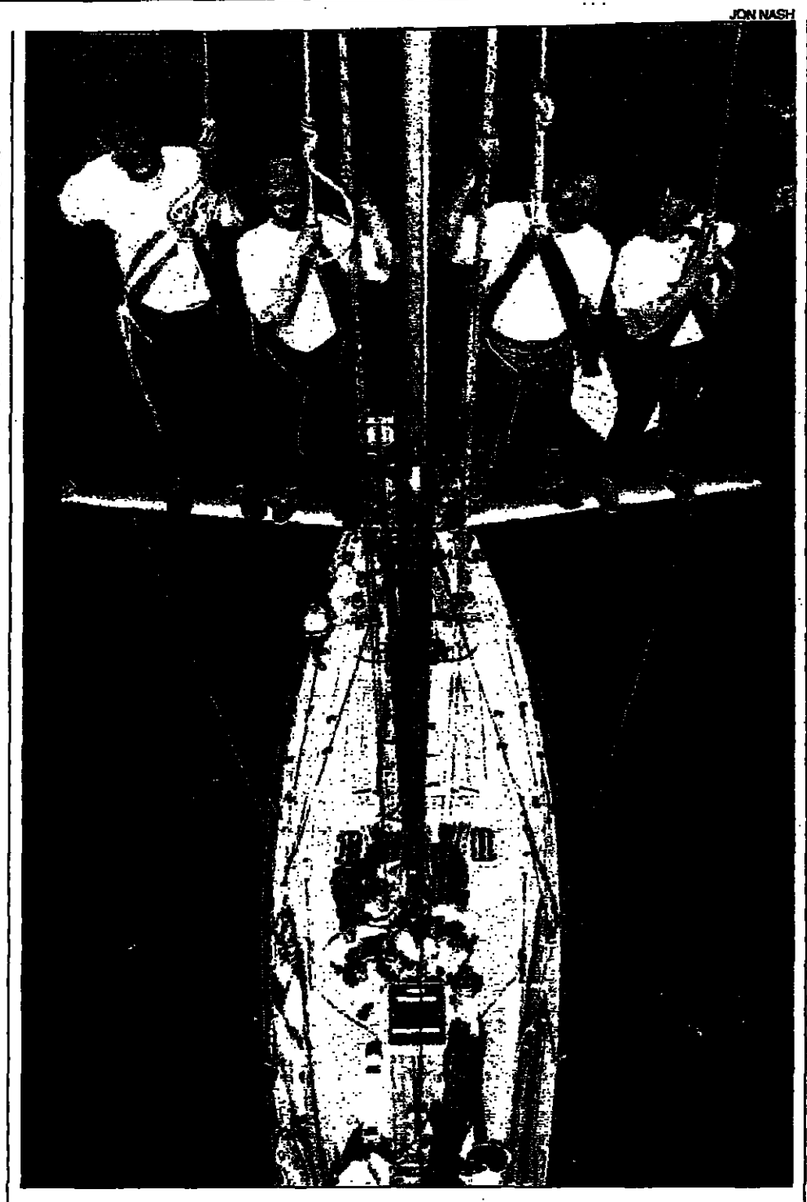
Service luncheon

RAF Club Dining Society
Mr K.P.R. Smart was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held yesterday at the club. Wing Commander W.A. Beaumont presided.

Church in Wales

Swansea and Brecon Diocese:
Appointments
The Rev Tudor H. Jones, Vicar of Manselton to be also Rural Dean of Penderi.
The Rev Richard H. Spencer, Director of Pastoral Studies, St Michael's College, Llandaff Diocese, to be Rector of Llangennii with Llanbedr Ystrad Yw and Patricio.
The Rev D. Mark Griffiths, Vicar of Swansea St Nicholas, to be Vicar of Swansea St Gabriel's.
The Rev Andrew G. Loat, Rector of Whitton with Pilleth with Cascob with Llangynllo with Bleddfa, to be Rector of Llandrindod with Cefnllys with Diserth.

JON NASH



LAUNCH PARTY: Four crew members who have been chosen to take part in Clipper '98, Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's second Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, joining in the celebrations to launch the race at St Katherine's Dock, London, yesterday. The four, from left, Marcus Fitch Kemp, Rebecca Aird, Craig Wiliams, and Kate Fewster are standing on the first spreader, about halfway up the mast of *Taeping*, one of eight identical 60ft yachts that will set sail from Plymouth in October on the first leg of the 34,000 mile, 10-month race around the world.

The race visits San Salvador, Havana, Panama, Galapagos, Japan and China, travels up the Yangtze River to Shanghai, goes on to Hong Kong, Singapore and the Seychelles, and, on the final run home, visits South Africa, Brazil and the Azores.

Each crew consists of a professional skipper and 14 amateur sailors. Some of the 170 selected for the race will join for one or more of the race legs, while others will stay for the complete circumnavigation. Some have little or no sailing experience, but all have undergone an extensive training programme.

Latest wills

Evelyn Davis, of London SW3, left estate valued at £1,986,229 net.

Leila Mary Coates, of Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,901,575 net.
She left £5,000 each to Greater Manchester Charities Air Fund, Housing for the Elderly Association, National Children's Home, Distressed Gentle Folks Aid Association, RSPCA, Guide Dogs for the Blind, National Canine Defence League, Cancer Research Campaign, Donkey Sanctuary, and Cottage Homes, Mill Hill.

Barbara Yu Ling Albery, of London WC2, left estate valued at £605,509 net.

Gjertrud Marie Matilde Ravn Arnold, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £496,411 net.

Eric Walter Bailey, of Moulton, Northampton, left estate valued at £773,805 net.

Thomas Patrick Brennan, of Widnes, Cheshire, left estate valued at £701,092 net.

Peter Brittain, retired company director, of Wickersley, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, left estate valued at £503,000 net.
He left £5,000 to St Alban's Church, Wickersley.

Stephen Henry Brown, produce manager, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, left estate valued at £705,601 net.

Eileen Burgess, of Stamford Brook, London W12, left estate valued at £676,826 net.

Richard Henry Coombes, of Saltash, Cornwall, left estate valued at £835,676 net.

Daisy Kathleen Cox, of Timsbury, Romsey, Hampshire, left estate valued at £647,700 net.
She left £500 to St Andrews Church, Timsbury.

Arthur Stuart Michael Cummings, of London SW1, left estate valued at £694,916 net.

Marjorie Edith Dickinson, of London E4, left estate valued at £502,443 net.

Evelyn Cynthia Evans, of Tredarvah, Penzance, Cornwall, left estate valued at £681,522 net.
She left £15,000 to the King's Prem Appeal, King's College Hospital, London; £10,000 to the Macmillan Nursing Service; £5,000 to the British Red Cross and to the First Air Ambulance Service Trust.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.M. Buchanan
and Miss K. Voorboeve
The engagement is announced between Alastair, younger son of the late Iain Buchanan and of Mrs Martin Hudson, of Nutley, Sussex, and Kaaren, daughter of Dr Anton Voorhoeve and Mrs Henry Sadowski, of Vancouver.

Mr J.R. Burgess
and Miss R.E.J. Fulford-Dobson
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr Simon Burgess and the late Mrs Burgess, of Pont Street, London, SW1, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Captain Michael Fulford-Dobson, RN, and Mrs Fulford-Dobson, of Cerne Abbey, Dorset.

Mr T.E. Maxwell
and Miss H.L. Andrews
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs R.M. Maxwell, of West Wittering, Chichester, and Helen Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Andrews, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr S. Rogers
and Miss T. Blake
The engagement is announced between Sebastian, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Rogers, of Fulham, London, SW6, and Tamara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Blake, also of Fulham.

Mr S. Summerby Bent
and Miss K.A. Campbell Ritchie
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Wing Commander and Mrs Roger Bent, of Episkopi, Cyprus, and Kirsty Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Campbell Ritchie, of Heronsgate, Hertfordshire.

Cordwainers' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Cordwainers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr J G Church; Senior Warden, Dr R K H Parker; Second Warden, Rear-Admiral J F T G Salt; Steward Warden, Mr P M C Hodson; Renter Warden, Lieutenant-Commander J D Caldecott.

Legal appointment

Ms Jane Elizabeth Wright to be a district judge on the South Eastern Circuit.

Marriages

Mr B. Akin
and Mrs D. Hay
The marriage took place at Chelsea Register Office on Thursday, July 2, 1998, of Mr Barrie Akin to Mrs Diane Hay.

Mr D.H.H. Churton
and Miss D.K. Warren
The marriage took place quietly in Glasgow, on June 16, 1998, between Mr Damien Churton and Miss Danielle Warren.

Mr K.G.E. Donnelly
and Miss S. Jones-Davies
The marriage took place on July 18, 1998, at the Chapel, Trinity College, Carmarthen, of Mr Kevin Gerard Eastwood Donnelly, youngest son of Mrs Marie E. Donnelly and the late Mr William E.F. Donnelly, of Warrenpoint, Co Down, to Miss Siân Jones-Davies, elder daughter of Mr D. Clive Jones-Davies, OBE, and Dr G. Anne Jones-Davies, of the Principal's Residence, Trinity College, Carmarthen.

Mr C.P. Reohr
and Miss L.B. Matthews
The marriage took place at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Philip Neri, Kirtling, Suffolk, on Saturday, of Mr Christopher Reohr, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Reohr, of Pennsylvania, USA, to Miss Louise Matthews, eldest daughter of Lady Rowland and Mr Simon Matthews, and stepdaughter of Sir David Rowland. Father John Ashman officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Isla Beaumont, Annie Rowland, Keslie Tiffey, Patsy Whiteside, Tess Whiteside and Henry Reohr. Mr Tom Reohr was best man.

A reception was held at Giffords Hall, home of the bride.

Mr C. Sear
and Miss J. Montfort
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 18, in Princethorpe School Chapel, Warwickshire, of Mr Christopher Sear, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Sear, of Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, to Miss Julie Montfort, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Montfort, of Toronto, Canada. Father James Mannix officiated. Mr Gavin Henderson was best man.

A reception was held at The Pheasant, Charlecote, Warwickshire and the honeymoon will be spent in Florida, following the bride's graduation ceremony from her teaching course on July 20.

VC of tragic sailor will fund school scholarship

BY VICTORIA FLETCHER

THE VC won by a young Royal Navy midshipman more than 130 years ago, is to be auctioned in London today to fund a scholarship at a leading independent school.

Duncan Boyes, a former pupil of Cheltenham College, won the Victoria Cross for carrying the Queen's Colours aloft through a barrage of Japanese musket shots, during the Japanese rebellion of 1864. He was just 18, one of the youngest winners of the award.

The medal, which was bought by the school for £2,000 in 1978 as old-boy memorabilia, is expected to fetch around £50,000.

Boyes won his VC during a battle with Japanese warlords in the Straits of Simono Seki. The mission was almost complete when the naval brigade was suddenly ambushed by a large Japanese force. Seven of Boyes's comrades were killed under a hail of shots but he held the Queen's Colours of the leading company high, and led the brigade on towards the enemy lines.

Tragically, within five years, Boyes drank himself to death. He was unable to cope with the shame of being court martialled and dismissed from the Navy for breaking into a naval storage shed in a misjudged prank.

Fred Taylor, Bursar of Cheltenham College, said selling the medal to provide a scholarship was the best way to remember their old boy. "It is far more fitting that boys should get the true value of the medal."

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BIRTHS

AL SAUD – On July 18th at The Portland Hospital to Lamia Mugren and Abdulaziz Meshal, a son, Saud, a brother for Nouf.

ALREFAE – On July 11th at The Portland Hospital to Maha and Ahmed, a son, Meshaal.

ANDREWS – On July 9th to Tanya Andrews and Philip Cayford, a son, Tom.

ARBUTHNOTT – On 5th June to Susan and Robert, a daughter, Charlotte Rose, a sister for Sophie Ellen.

BACON – On July 15th at The Portland Hospital to Vivian (née Fung) and Ashley, a daughter, Emily.

BONNAFY – On July 13th at The Portland Hospital to Elena (née Müllerbergh) and Francois, a daughter, Alexandra Josephine, a sister for Charlotte Lucy.

CAYFORD – See Andrews.

FAUGNO – On July 12th at The Portland Hospital to Raquel and David, a daughter, Francesca Chrisane, their first child.

FRAME – On July 16th at The Portland Hospital to Judith (née Netherwood) and Julian, a daughter, Eleanor – a sister for Livia.

FUJINO – On July 15th at The Portland Hospital to Sachiyo (Kobayashi) and Hideo, a son, Tetsuya, a brother for Yuta.

GOLDSTEIN – On July 10th at The Portland Hospital to Cristina and Anthony, a daughter, Carla, a sister for Natalie.

GREER – On July 13th 1998 to Judith (née Connor) and Richard, a son, James Lindsay, a brother for Matthew and Constance.

HAMMOND – On 5th July 1998, to Sarah (née Pearce) and Nigel, a daughter, Olivia Grace, a sister for Annabel and Amelia.

KIRBY – On July 11th at The Portland Hospital to Nadine (née Davis) and Guy, a daughter, Georgia Ellen Sophia.

KIRKPATRICK – On Tuesday 7th July 1998 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Miranda (née Fitzwilliam-Lay) and Francis, a daughter, Laura Rose, a sister for George, Henry and Augustus.

BIRTHS

MITHA – On July 14th at The Portland Hospital to Katarzyna and Munir, a son, Akram, a brother for Sebastian.

MULLANY – On June 29th at The Portland Hospital to Eloise Eaton and Martin, a son, Charles Lochran Eaton (known as Lockie).

MYRTLE – On Tuesday July 14th to Emma (née Finlayson) and Charles, a son (Oliver James Hepburn).

PHILLIPS – On July 9th at The Portland Hospital to Linda, and Sean, a daughter, Katherine Michelle, our first child.

QUARTEY – On July 13th at The Portland Hospital to Coretta (née Dadzie), and Emmanuel Laud Jnr., a daughter, Laura, a sister for Emmanuel Laud III.

ROZENAUERS – On July 13th at The Portland Hospital to Anne and Peter, a son, Nicholas Jack.

SCHIFFER – On July 16th at The Portland Hospital to Amy and Craig, a daughter, Annecy Rose, a sister for Zoe, Zachary, and Jessica.

SHORTHOUSE – On July 10th at The Portland Hospital to Cathy and Dominic, a son, Sam, a brother for Tommy.

STOOKS – On July 16th at The Portland Hospital to Jane and Michael, a son, George, at 10.37 am weighing 7lbs 12oz.

WILLIAMS – On Saturday 18th July 1998 to Anne-Marie (née Kauffmann) and Sean, a son, Alexander Frederick, a brother for Nicholas and Helena.

DEATHS

ANDERSON – Jean, of Yarrow and formerly of Dunkeld and Musselburgh, peacefully on July 18th 1998, widow of Adam, sister of the late Mabel Small, and much loved mother of Sheila, Christine and John. Service in the Pentland Chapel at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh on Thursday July 23rd at 3.15pm. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

BARRETT – Raymond Frank, very peacefully at home in Gorleston, Norfolk, aged 87. Funeral service on Friday 24th July at 11.15 am at St Margaret's, Hopton-on-Sea. All enquiries to Arthur Jary & Sons, 213–214 Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 1DH (Tel: 01493 844363).

COATES – George Arnold, aged 76 years, peacefully at home on July 17th. A much loved and loving brother of Ann and a friend to many. Cremation at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham 11:30 am on Thursday 23 July and afterwards at the Crown Hotel, Amersham. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Salvation Army, 101 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4P 4EP.

COWELL – John Richard peacefully at home on July 18th, adored husband and father of Josie, Harriet, Edward and William. Funeral 2.30 Friday July 24th at Warriling Church. Family flowers only.

DOUGLAS – Ian Fitzroy Sholto on 19th July. Formerly of Balmaclellan House Kirkcudbrightshire and latterly of Monisive, Dumfriesshire. Funeral Service at Balmaclellan Kirk on Friday 24th July at 12 noon and afterwards at Milton Park Hotel. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimers, Scotland.

FABER – Thomas Henry. Peacefully at his home near Tisbury on Sunday 19th July, aged 75. Requiem Mass at Wardour Castle, Tisbury, near Salisbury at 11:30am on Saturday 25th July. Family flowers only please.

FAIRLIE – Peacefully at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on Monday July 20th 1998, Michael James Fairlie O.B.E., eldest son of the late John M. and Margaret Constance Fairlie, Kirkton of Monikie. A dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Funeral Service in Monikie Parish Church on Friday July 24th at 1.30pm. Interment thereafter in Monikie Churchyard. All friends are invited.

GELL – Philip Anthony Maunsell, (Antho) peacefully at home on Sunday 19th June. Much adored father of Antonia, Adrian and Hugo, loving grandfather of Archie, William and Henry and father-in-law. Service of Thanksgiving to be held on Tuesday 8th September 1998 at St. Mary's Church, Enville at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations in lieu to "The Compton Hospice" c/o P. Haycox and Son, Funeral Directors, Stourbridge Road, Wootton, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. WV15 6EE.

GEORGE – Margaret, widow of Peter, died peacefully at home in St Leonards on July 17th, surrounded by her family. Beloved mother of Sara, Helen and David, grandmother of Ruth, Daisy and Mary and sister of Edith, Cathleen and Marie. Funeral St Thomas's Church, Magdalen Road, Hastings on Friday 24th July at 12 noon, followed by burial at Hastings Cemetery. Flowers to Arthur C Towner, 2-4 Norman Road, St Leonards. (Tel: 01424 436386).

HAMILTON-ANDREWS – Peacefully at Crieff Community Hospital on Sunday July 19th 1998, Patricia Hamilton-Andrews of Newstead, Crieff, widow of the late Frank. A dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Perth Crematorium on Friday July 24th at 12:15 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited.

HILLMAN – Arthur Joseph MBE. Peacefully on July 20th 1998, aged 81 years. Beloved husband of Marcia and father of Patricia, Diana, Pamela, Christopher and Peter and a much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Private Requiem Mass at Church of The Sacred Heart, Droitwich, on Friday July 24th followed by cremation at Worcester. Family flowers only please. Memorial service to be arranged.

INGRAM – on the 17th July 1998 at home David, husband of Cecilia and father of Henrietta, Toby and Tancred, aged 62 years. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

LANDON – Henrietta Maria (née Curtis) widow of James, much loved mother of Tim, Anne, Liz and Ros, and loved sister, grandmother and great-grandmother, died peacefully on July 18th 1998. Requiem Mass at 2 pm on July 30th at Worth Abbey, Sussex. No flowers but donations to Ochil Tower Rudolf Steiner School, Auchterarder, Perth PH3 1AD (Robin's school). For directions ring 01444 892731.

LARGE – Francis Gerald, M.A.(Oxon) passed away peacefully asleep July 15th 1998. Recently widowed husband of Lesley and father of Richard, Nick and Elizabeth. Educated at Chatham House, Ramsgate, served King and Country as an Officer in The Royal Artillery and severely wounded in World War II. Graduated at Oriel College, Oxford, Teacher at both Palatine and Blackpool Grammar Schools and latterly Storrington Primary. Active member and Past President of Round Table and Over Forty One Clubs Poulton le Fylde; more recently of Probus Club, Arundel. His remaining family are deeply saddened by his death but also grateful that he no longer has to suffer. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium, 12 noon Thursday July 23rd. Donations, if desired, to St Wilfrid's Hospice, c/o Edward White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY.

LAVERACK – Harry, Peacefully on 13th July aged 81. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Portishead, Wednesday 22nd July at 2pm. Enquiries L. Bennett and Son 01275 875882.

LYELL – Katharine (Kitty) née Runciman, on 19th July peacefully at home. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving at St Leonard's, Flamstead at 3pm Friday 24th July and afterwards at Puddephats. Family flowers only. Donations if you wish to the Injured Jockeys Fund or Cancer Recap via H.G. Grinystead Ltd 01753 891200.

MARSDEN – Betty, wife of the late Dr James Wilson Muggoch, died suddenly on 18th July surrounded by friends and laughter. Greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

MENZIES – On July 17th 1998 Bridget Mary (née Wills) deeply loved wife of Michael and mother of Nicola, Catriona and Emma, adored granny of Charlotte, Michael, Harriet and Thomas. Cremation private but Service of Thanksgiving at St Nicholas Church, Little Bracted at 2.30pm on Tuesday July 28th. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Queen Mary and Westfield (O5C9) or Farleigh Homecare c/o Richards Funeral Services, 78 Newland St, Witham, Essex CM8 1AH.

NEEVE – Jane, beloved wife of John, dearly loved daughter of James Dyer and devoted sister to Carol and Gillian, died peacefully at home following a major illness, heroically borne. Funeral for family, local and close friends at Saint Bartholomew's Church, Corsham on Thursday 23rd July at 2.30 pm (a service of thanksgiving is planned for September; details tba). Bunches of fragrant flowers to be brought or sent to the Church between 10 and 11 am 23rd July for arrangement by friends.

O'CONNOR – Professor J D O'Connor (Doc), died on 15th July, at the age of 78. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip on Monday 27th July at 2.00pm (East Chapel). Flowers or donations if desired to OXFAM, c/o T A Ellement & Son Ltd, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 3HR.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

POOLES – Dennis John on 15th July at Ipswich, formerly of Loddon, Norfolk and Cottenham, Cambs. Dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. The funeral will take place at 2pm on Thursday 23rd July 1998 at St Mary and St Botolph Church, Whitton, Ipswich. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Arthrogryposis Group (TAG), c/o Farthing Singleton & Hastings, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

RUBENS – Frances de Pinna died peacefully on Sunday July 19th. Much loved mother of Joanna. Will be greatly missed by her daughter, son-in-law Harvey and grandchildren. Cremation on Wednesday July 22nd 2:30pm at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane. No flowers.

SILVER – Ivy on 18th July aged 83, mother of Carole and Michael, mother-in-law of Maureen and John. Sister of Gladys, Marjorie and Joan, loving grandmother of Kerry, Andrew, Laura, David and Jacki, Peter and Louise. Devoted great-grandmother of Daniel.

SPRINGETT – Tragically as the result of a road accident on Thursday July 16th 1998 at Boulder, Colorado, Mark William aged 32 years, eldest son of Victor and the late Joan Springett of Nairn, Scotland.

STRECKER – David William on July 15th peacefully at home. Husband of Ayn, beloved son, father and grandfather. Funeral Service will take place Wednesday July 22nd at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, London SW1 at 12 noon. No flowers, donations to the Royal Brompton & Harfield NHS Trust (all inquiries to Chelsea Funeral Directors 0171 352 0008). R.I.P.

TAYLOR – Robert Colin (Bobby) died peacefully on 19th July following a long illness borne bravely. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday 27th July at 10:30am. Flowers and enquiries to Kenyon Funeral Directors, 0171 834 4624.

WINGFIELD – Catherine Patricia, née Cooke-Collis, of Elton, Peterborough on 16th July, Widow of Tim, mother of Jocelyn, Robin and George and grandmother of Serena, James, Camilla, Rupert, Charles and Michael. Funeral service at All Saints, Elton at 11.30 am, Wednesday 22nd July. Family flowers only.

YOUNG – On 17th July 1998, peacefully at St Catherine's Hospice, Mary Young. Beloved widow of Leslie, mother of Nicholas and Vanessa and grandmother to Ed, Alex, Tom, Catherine and Natasha. Funeral service on Friday 24th July at St Paul's Church, Dorking at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired for St Catherine's Hospice may be sent to Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, RH4 2ES.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOWMAN – William Powell (Bill) C.B.E. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 29th at 3–00pm at St James' Church, Piccadilly, London. The family would like those attending to wear a button-hole.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

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HANS FEIBUSCH



Hans Feibusch in his St John's Wood studio in 1988. In later years he took to sculpture, but he remained faithful to the architectural context

Hans Feibusch, muralist and sculptor, died on July 18 aged 99. He was born on August 15, 1898.

Hans Feibusch was a muralist and latterly a sculptor with an unfailing sense of the need for a wall painting or a piece of sculpture to respect the surrounding architecture. Probably he will be chiefly remembered for his mural paintings in English churches — the middle of the 20th century seeing the full flowering of his art.

Born to Jewish parents in Frankfurt under the reign of Kaiser Wilhelm II, Hans Feibusch served with the German Army in Russia during the First World War and, after a false start in medicine, began his art studies under Carl Hofer in Berlin. Gaining the Rome Prize, he went to Italy, and then studied in Paris with Andre Lhote.

In 1930 he won the Prussian State Prize for painting, but then suffered under Hitler's ban (seeing his works destroyed) and fled to England. Here he married Sidonie Gestetner (herself born and educated in England), who, he fondly recalled, "controlled my tendency to use the wrong prepositions".

Welcomed almost as soon as he came to England by the London Group, he soon established himself with his murals in churches. The first of these, a *Footwashing* in 1938 in Colliers Wood Methodist Church, was brought to the notice of George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, by Kenneth Clark: a friendship grew, the victim of the European catastrophe and the statesman bishop with a cultured understanding of Germany having much in common.

Bell helped Feibusch towards his early commissions for murals in Anglican places of worship. Notable examples are in St Wilfred's, Brighton (1941), Iden Parish Church (1950), Chichester Cathedral (1951, recently renewed), Goring-by-Sea (1954), Preston Parish Church (1956), St Alban's, Holborn (1956) and the West London Synagogue (1973). By no means all his commissions were for churches or synagogues. Civic examples include Dudley Town Hall and Newport Civic Centre, Gwent, and domestic settings were provided by James Laver and Canon C. B. Mortlock.

Architects who counted themselves fortunate to be collaborating with a painter who always worked "with the building" were Harold Gibbons, Thomas F. Ford, E. Maxwell Fry, H. S. Goodhart-Rendel and Sir Charles Reilly.

The religious paintings of Hans Feibusch exhibit brilliant colour and a composition which is generally suave and classical, often lyrical: he was a man who valued warmth and passion in religion, knew how to project joy and sorrow in his paintings, sorrow for European conflict being for many decades a keenly felt emotion (thus a Nailing of Christ of 1985 is titled *Hommage à Popiusko*).

A sudden loss of sight in 1970 (from which he was to make a partial recovery) led Feibusch into the more tactile art of sculpture. Here again the works relate beautifully to the architecture of, for example, Ely Cathedral (*Christus*, 1981) and St. Alban's Holborn (*Christ Raised from the Dead*, 1985).

Delightful in conversation, Feibusch had a gentle and retiring nature, but kept up a stern routine of daily studio work until six months before his death. His own country made amends, conferring on him in 1967 the German Cross of the Order of Merit (1st class), and for his 90th birthday his native Frankfurt honoured him with a substantial retrospective exhibition. In the same year he received the Insignia of a Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit, bestowed by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In his last years he is thought to have been the sole survivor of Hitler's infamous *Entartete Kunst* exhibition. A substantial retrospective, 1996 *The Heat of Vision*, toured this country in 1995-96, beginning at Chichester.

His devoted work for churches in Britain was recognised in 1985 when Dr Robert Runcie, the then Archbishop of Canterbury, conferred on him a Lambeth D.Litt "in recognition of his services in promoting the Association of Artists and the Church through his work as painter, sculptor and writer". In the latter capacity Hans Feibusch sounded a still much-needed call for quality in church commissions in his *Mural Painting* (1946): "It is for the leaders of the Church to commission the best artists, the real representatives of our time, to give them intelligent guidance, and to have sufficient confidence in their artistic and human quality to give them free play."

In the early 1990s Feibusch formally left the Church of England, returning to his Jewish roots. His wife Sidonie died in 1963, and there were no children of the marriage.

SIR DAWSON BATES, Bt

Sir Dawson Bates, 2nd Bt, former regional director of the National Trust, died on July 12 aged 76. He was born on September 21, 1921.



Bates: private man and public custodian for many years

IN THE years after the Second World War, the National Trust was growing very fast in responsibilities but not in resources. It coped by giving great freedom to its agents to take decisions so long as they managed within tight budgets. Strong, independent-minded characters emerged who had done their growing-up in the war and were used to authority.

That did not always make them docile subordinates, but in every way they were effective, high principled, and devoted servants of the Trust. John Dawson Bates was eminently such a man, and he would not have regarded docility as much of a virtue. Yet he was a very private man, who gave away little about himself.

Rightly or wrongly, it was the firm belief of his contemporaries at Winchester College in the late 1930s that he had a police bodyguard because his father's work in Northern Ireland, where he was Joint Secretary of the Ulster Unionist Council, made him a terrorist risk. The bodyguards must have kept in training, because Bates was extremely fit, good at games and ran at great speed towards action and danger. Those same qualities played their part in making him a courageous and much respected young officer in that famous Winchester regiment, The Rifle Brigade, with which he was awarded the Military Cross in 1943 in North Africa.

Going up to Oxford after the war, he took his degree at Balliol in 1949, and — having inherited the baronetcy from his father that year — qualified as a land agent and joined the tiny staff of the National Trust. His memorably illegible handwriting and his impatience with bureaucracy kept his time at the London headquarters in Queen Anne's Gate to a minimum, and he was soon given his own command in charge of the South Midlands area. He showed no surprise when told that the National Trust regarded the Isle of Wight as part of the South Midlands because "it didn't seem to fit in anywhere else".

He liked looking after Tennyson Down and the approach to the Needles, Mottistone, Bembridge Windmill, the Newtown properties and much else on the island, and this may have been because he felt even more independent when he had water as well as distance between him and head office. He was amused by the name of Newtown Old Town Hall, with its charter dating from 1356 and the building from about 1699, and he liked to grapple with the problems set by the Trust's ownership of the moorings and other harbour rights of the Newtown river.

The greatest of the houses in his charge were Mottisfont Abbey and the Vyne in Hampshire, Basildon Park in Berkshire, the exquisite Ashdown House near Lambourn and Greys Court near Henley. Three other unusual properties that gave him especial pleasure were the Sandham Memorial Chapel, so simple and dull from the outside but containing Stanley Spencer's remarkable First World War wall paintings; Great Coxwell Tithe Barn, built in the 13th century, 152ft long and in Bates's time still gently used for agriculture; and the Uffington White Horse and Hillfort.

His finest achievement for the Trust, the management of the 7,500 acres of the Buscot and Coleshill estates, got off to a difficult start. The gift to the Trust was conditional on the appointment of the donor's agent, and Bates went in as sub-agent. But his new boss refused to meet him or give him any information about the estates. Matters quickly came to a head, the boss left, and Bates found himself in charge and gave skilled and careful management for more than a quarter of a century. To this day, 17 years after he retired as regional director, there are many reminders, both visible and in the memories of tenants and staff, of his competence and total involvement.

He lived for all of that time on the Buscot estate, where he and his architect wife, Mary, laid out and loved a splendid garden. She was perhaps the leader in design, he in planting and care. After retirement they moved to his mother's house in Somerset and there also he gardened with the huge capacity for hard work he had shown all his life, and with great success. On the day before he died he had exhibited and won prizes at his village flower show.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. The elder of the former, Richard, now becomes the 3rd baronet.

BETTY MARSDEN

Betty Marsden, actress, died on July 18 aged 79. She was born on February 24, 1919.

BETTY MARSDEN was known and loved by countless radio listeners who never saw her face and might not have recognised her name. For hers was perhaps the funniest female voice on the airwaves in the 1960s golden age of British broadcast comedy — or rather hers were several of the funniest female voices.

As a mainstay of the popular 1960s series *Beyond our Ken* and *Round the Horne*, she created such memorable comic monsters as the incoherently theatrical Dame Celia Volestrangler, the hopeless Buttercup, world-weary Lady Beatrice Counterblast, and the gravel-voiced cookery expert Fanny Haddock. Even in a team that featured such talents as Kenneth Horne, magisterially deadpan, and Kenneth Williams, mannered to the point of hysteria, she was never in danger of being overshadowed. The programmes' winning blend of rude innuendo and riotous invention owed much of its success to her.

Betty Marsden was born to a poor family in Liverpool. Growing up on a Somerset council estate, at the age of six she was taken under the wing of a local music teacher, Betty Allen, who saw her potential as an entertainer and became her guardian. She gave recitals at garden fetes and Conservative Club social evenings, before making her stage debut at the Bath Pavilion at the age of 11, as a supporting fairy in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Her London debut came the following year, on December 26, 1931, as the Prince in a fairy play with music called *The Windmill Man* at the Victoria Palace. At 12 she won a scholarship to the Italia Conti stage school, where she studied for six years.

Her first big West End part came in September 1935, when she played Pamela in *Closing at Sunrise* at the Royalty. It was followed by leading roles in Basil Dean's production of *Autumn* at the St Martin's in 1937, in Ivor Novello's *Comedienne* at the Haymarket in 1938, and in a revival of J. B. Priestley's *Johnson over Jordan* at the Saville in March 1939. She also appeared at the Malvern Festival, before joining ENSA for the duration of the Second World War and entertaining the troops in productions which included *Gaslight* and *In Good King Charles' Golden Days*.

She acted in the bomb-damaged West End in 1943, in the American comedy *Junior Miss* at the Saville, and returned to it after the war with roles in *Dr Angelus* at the Phoenix in 1947 and *Don't Listen Ladies* at the St James's in 1948. Then, however, she turned her attention to revue. It proved an ideal outlet for her comic skills and engaging personality — offstage, she had long been known for her ability to make her fellow actors laugh.

Starting at the intimate Irving Theatre Club in London, she went on to enjoy success at the Edinburgh Festival in *After the Show*, and at the Royal Court in the long-running *Airs on a Shoestring* and its successor *From Here and There*. She played alongside Stanley Baxter in *On the Brighter Side*. Noel Coward was among those to form an enduring admiration of her talent.

Revue laid a perfect foundation for her radio work. "Comedy is acting," she once said, "real concentration." For a decade from 1958 she was an essential part of the most talented team in broadcast comedy. Together with Horne, Williams and Hugh Paddick, she brought to life the crowd of outrageous characters that tumbled from the pens of the writers Barry Took and Marty Feldman. The programmes won huge audiences and came to an end only on the death of Kenneth Horne in 1969. They retain a vast following even today. Marsden recognised the avant garde quality of the shows' humour, but she also loved their "ridiculous earthy simplicity".

She continued to take the occasional stage role while her radio fame was at its height, and she resumed her theatrical career with new enthusiasm in the 1970s. Throughout her career, she had shown an enormous appetite for work, and a willingness to make the best of even the most awful roles. Now, by and large, she began to get the sort of parts she deserved.

She played Lady Bracknell and appeared in Lindsay Anderson's revival of Joe Orton's *What the Butler Saw* and in David Storey's farce *Mother's Day* at the Royal Court, though she also played in *No Sex Please, We're British*. More recently she was in *Wind in the Willows* and *Trelawney of the Wells* at the National Theatre.

Her first cinema role was in the flagwaving *Ships with Wings* in 1941. She followed it in the course of her career with parts in films that ranged from the *Carry On* series to Lindsay Anderson's blackly satirical *Britannia Hospital*. On television she appeared in *Inspector Morse*, *The Bill*, *Casualty* and *The Darling Buds of May*.

Betty Marsden was married for many years to Dr James Muggoch, a consultant anaesthetist with a passion for showbusiness and a talent for writing lyrics, which he did with some success under the pseudonym James Wilson. They had met on a troopship during the war, and after marrying in a bamboo hut in Nigeria made their home first in a beautiful Georgian house in Flask Walk in Hampstead, and then in an 82ft coal barge moored on the Thames near Kew Bridge. Dr Muggoch died in 1975, and Marsden is survived by their son and daughter.



Marsden with Kenneth Williams and Kenneth Horne

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Solicitors for the above-named Company.

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TOWN HALL BURNT BY RIOTERS

WILD SCENES AT LUTON

During rioting at Luton on Saturday night and early on Sunday morning damage amounting to a considerable sum of money was done. The Town Hall was stormed on Saturday afternoon in order to wreck the Assembly Room, where a Peace Banquet was to be held to-night.

At night the place was again raided, and eventually set on fire. Riotous scenes followed in which police and firemen were injured and taken to hospital. The Town Hall, with all its contents, was destroyed, only the four walls remaining.

For more than a week before the Peace Celebrations there had been high feeling in the town, chiefly owing to the fact that the Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Association had been refused the use of Wardown Park for a drumhead memorial service in memory of the fallen. Instead they were offered the choice of two recreation grounds, neither of which was considered suitable; but the authorities would not alter their decision. Lady Wernher afterwards offered the Association the unrestricted use of her place at Luton Hoo, which was accepted. Meanwhile, the two local associations of ex-servicemen withdrew from participation in the official celebrations; it was rumoured that steps would be taken to prevent the holding of the Peace Banquet, and counter-demonstrations on Saturday were hinted at.

All the special constables were called out for duty on Saturday, but in the morning it was thought that there would be no trouble, and that they would be required to assist only in regulating the traffic in the streets during the procession and afterwards in the park.

ON THIS DAY

July 21, 1919

Between the end of the First World War in November 1918 and victory celebrations the following summer, newspapers were mainly filled with accounts of marching troops and cheering crowds. However, there was still room for small items connected directly or indirectly with the late conflict.

The procession started off without incident, and at the last moment a detachment representing the Comrades of the Great War was persuaded to join in, although the discharged soldiers, who considered they had a fresh grievance because an offer by Lady Wernher to entertain them and the children had been kept from their knowledge until late on Friday night, still declined to take any part.

U.S. SOLDIERS' GERMAN BRIDES.

BERLIN, July 20.— The Lokalanzeiger states that on Thursday, the day of departure of certain sections of American troops from the Rhineland, "several thousands" of American soldiers asked whether they would be allowed to take with them their German fiancees and brides. The American occupation authorities decided that the girls could not travel with them and that before the ratification of peace America must refuse to recognize the legitimacy of marriages between Americans and Germans.

A number of Germans who have been expelled from Australia and Africa have arrived at Rotterdam on board the steamer Willochra.

— *Wireless Press.*

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NEWS

Rigorous checks for nannies

■ Harriet Harman ordered an immediate review of childcare regulations after a registered childminder was jailed for life for shaking a five-month-old baby to death.

The Social Security Secretary is also to join David Blunkett in demanding a national register for nannies, even though a task force recently came out against the idea .....Pages 1, 6

New transport deal will tax drivers

■ John Prescott revived long-contested plans for drivers to be charged for travelling on motorways and main roads as he put a three-pronged attack on congestion at the heart of his "new dawn" for transport. Councils are to be allowed to charge drivers for entering busy city centres, employers will be taxed on the parking spaces they provide for their workers and toll schemes are to be allowed on motorways ..... Page 1

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Parents of 700 pupils at Paignton Community College, Devon, have been warned that their teenagers may have been infected with Hepatitis B by a local woman who may have had sex with as many as 40 boys ..Page 1

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A plan to pay weekly state benefits directly to women would leave many men with just pocket money ..... Page 1

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The Law Society, in a bid to rid its annual conference of its "golf tour for the middle-aged" image, has drafted Mickey Mouse, Goofy and his pals to attract a younger generation of solicitors ..... Page 1

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Gordon Brown firmly rejected union leaders' demands for a £3 billion investment package to create jobs ..... Page 2

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The stage hypnotist Paul McKenna outlined his act to a judge and claimed that of the thousands of volunteers he had hypnotised, only Christopher Gates claimed to have suffered serious side effects ..... Page 3

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A former RAF pilot who was crippled when the engine of his Harrier jump jet exploded as he was hovering at 100ft accepted £1.5 million damages ..... Page 5

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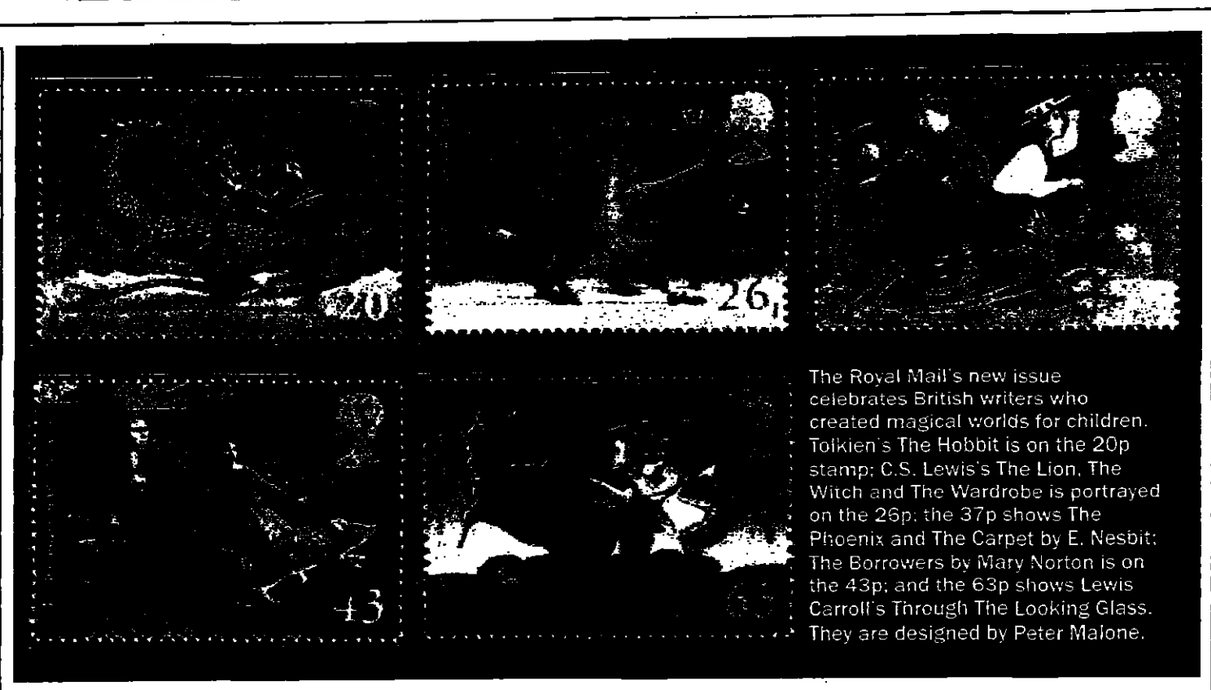
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President Clinton's plan to give every American a new identity number to track medical histories from cradle to grave has been criticised by civil liberties groups as smacking of a "Big Brother" scheme ..... Page 15

Spouses keep bishops on their toes

■ As the Anglican communion of 800 archbishops and bishops debated such weighty subjects as morality and international debt, their spouses discussed their own problems, such as how to make a bishop pick up his dirty socks. They were told that being a bishop's wife or husband can be lonely, pressurised and stressful ..... Page 7



The Royal Mail's new issue celebrates British writers who created magical worlds for children. Tolkien's The Hobbit is on the 20p stamp; C.S. Lewis's The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe is portrayed on the 26p; the 37p shows The Phoenix and The Carpet by E. Nesbit; The Borrowers by Mary Norton is on the 43p; and the 63p shows Lewis Carroll's Through The Looking Glass. They are designed by Peter Malone.

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— Hong Kong Standard

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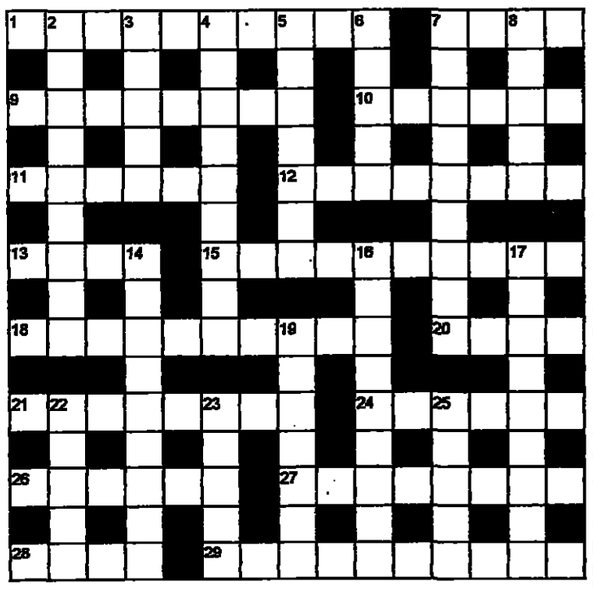
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17 Establish direction of art centre that's new within old gallery (9).
19 Release catch, possibly (7).
22 Sheepish opening for *Ode to a Grape*? (5).
23 Risky business, raising this vessel (5).
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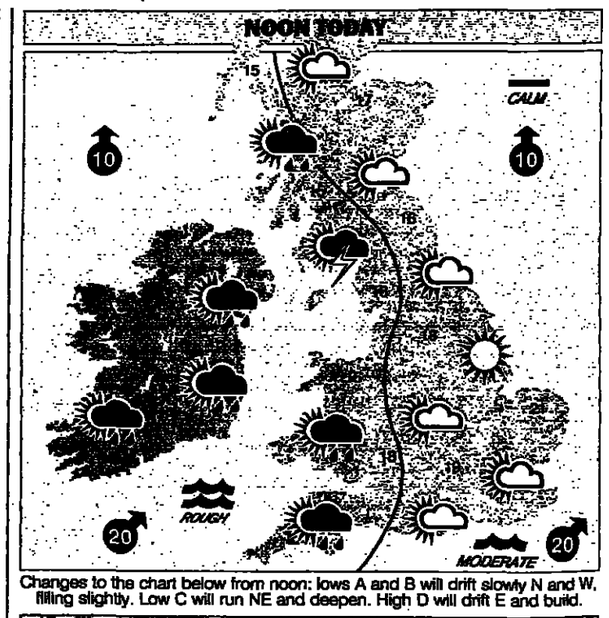
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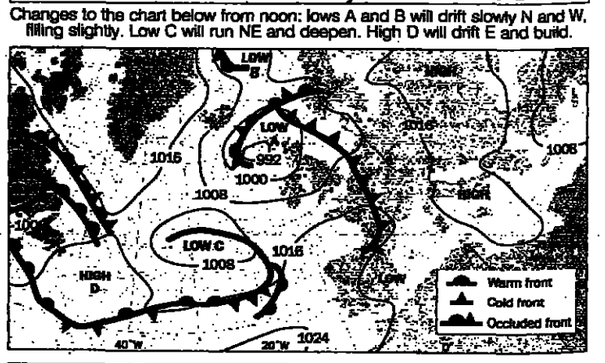
FORECAST

☐ **General:** showery with sunny intervals.
☐ **London, SE & E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** sunny spells, scattered afternoon showers. Wind SW, moderate to fresh. Max 23C (73F).
☐ **Central S, Central N & NE England, W Midlands:** dry start, then sunny spells and showers. Wind SW, fresh. Max 23C (73F).
☐ **Channel Isles, SW & NW England, S & N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man:** sunny spells, showers, drier towards evening. Wind SW, fresh. Max 21C (70F).
☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** bright spells, scattered showers developing. Wind S, moderate. Max 21C (70F).
☐ **SW & NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** blustery showers, brief sunny breaks. Max 19C (66F).
☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with occasional rain. Wind SE, fresh. Max 17C (63F).
☐ **Republic of Ireland:** cloudy with rain, becoming brighter. Wind SW, moderate or fresh. Max 17C (63F).
☐ **Pollen count:** high in NE England; medium to high in S Scotland, Midlands, East Anglia, SW & SE England, Central Southern England and London; medium elsewhere.
☐ **Outlook:** showery.

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows A and B will drift slowly N and W, filling slightly. Low C will run NE and deepen. High D will drift E and build.



ABROAD

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.6	0.32	20	68	r
Anglesey	2.6	0.21	18	64	r
Aspatria	-	0.33	19	66	r
Aviemore	1.9	0.14	23	73	c
Belfast	3.8	0.01	21	70	b
Birmingham	4.0	-	22	72	b
Bognor R	11.8	-	22	72	s
Bournem'th	11.9	-	21	70	s
Bristol	8.9	-	23	73	s
Buxton	1.5	0.03	21	70	du
Cardiff	X	0.01	22	72	b
Clacton	13.1	-	20	68	s
Cleethorpes	7.9	-	27	81	s
Cromer	10.4	-	29	84	s
Dunbar	0.1	0.31	20	68	sh
Eastbourne	13.2	-	21	70	s
Edinburgh	-	0.01	21	70	r
Eskdalemuir	-	1.42	17	63	r
Exmouth	0.6	0.06	17	63	r
Folkestone	12.8	-	23	73	s
Glasgow	1.1	0.35	21	70	r
Guernsey	11.6	-	23	73	s
Hastings	12.2	-	23	73	s
Hayling I.	9.0	0.01	21	70	sh
Hove	7.5	-	21	70	s
Hunstanton	9.6	-	28	82	s
Isle of Man	1.7	0.14	17	63	r
Isle-of-Wight	10.9	0.01	21	70	sh
Jersey	12.8	0.01	23	73	f
Kinloss	2.1	0.35	23	73	b

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Leeds	1.3	0.11	24	75	c
Lerwick	2.3	0.24	13	55	r
Leuchars	0.3	0.40	20	68	c
Littlehmptn	10.4	-	21	70	s
London	10.2	-	27	81	s
Lowestoft	9.5	-	23	73	s
Manchester	1.2	0.27	22	72	r
Margate	11.8	-	27	81	s
Morecambe	0.2	0.31	20	68	r
Newcastle	0.8	0.09	22	72	r
Newquay	2.4	0.50	20	68	sh
Norwich	10.3	-	28	82	s
Penzance	X	0.69	20	68	s
Poole	9.4	-	25	77	s
Prestatyn	X	0.09	22	72	sh
Saumin Snd	1.8	0.54	19	66	b
Scarboro'	2.4	0.03	24	75	r
Shrewsbury	1.2	0.03	22	72	s
Skegness	11.4	-	26	79	b
Southend	12.0	-	25	77	sh
Southport	X	0.11	21	70	s
Southsea	9.3	0.01	22	72	r
Stornoway	1.0	0.67	18	64	s
Swanage	11.8	-	20	68	d
Teignmouth	X	0.04	20	68	sh
Tenby	0.9	0.47	18	64	sh
Tiree	3.5	0.48	17	63	c
Torquay	1.1	-	18	64	du
Weston s Mare	2.3	-	23	73	s
Weymouth	5.7	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	27	81	s	C'phagn	16	61	r	Malta	31	88	s
Alicante	30	86	s	Dublin	18	64	c	Melb'rne	13	55	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Dubrovnik	30	86	s	Mexico C	X		
Algiers	27	81	s	Faro	24	75	f	Miami	31	88	s
Amst'dm	19	66	r	Florence	31	88	s	Milan	30	86	s
Athens	33	91	s	Frankfurt	23	73	r	Montreal	27	81	s
B Aires	18	64	s	Funchal	23	73	c	Moscow	18	64	c
Bahrain	40	104	s	Geneva	31	88	s	Munich	27	81	s
Bangkok	36	97	s	Gibraltar	26	79	s	N Delhi	30	86	f
Barbados	28	79	r	Helsinki	18	64	r	N York	29	84	s
Barcelona	28	84	c	Hong K	31	88	s	Nairobi	18	64	r
Beirut	27	81	r	Innsbruck	27	81	r	Naples	30	86	s
Belgrade	33	91	s	Istanbul	27	81	s	Nice	26	79	r
Berlin	21	70	r	Jeddah	38	97	s	Oslo	17	63	r
Bermuda	29	84	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Paris	28	79	s
Biarritz	25	77	s	L Angels	24	75	s	Peking	34	93	s
Blackp'r	28	91	s	L Palmas	25	77	r	Perth	15	59	c
Brussels	21	70	s	Le Tquet	21	70	r	Prague	22	72	r
Budapst	29	84	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Reykjavik	13	55	r
Cairo	33	91	s	Locarno	26	79	s	Rhodes	30	86	s
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Luxembg	21	70	r	Rio de J	25	77	r
Ch'church	10	50	X	Lyons	40	104	s	Riyadh	44	111	s
Chicago	30	86	s	Madrid	34	93	s	Rome	28	82	s
Cologne	22	72	s	Majorca	32	90	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Malaga	29	82	s	S Paulo	X		

Salzburg	26	79	s	Seoul	21	70	r	Vienna	28	82	s
Santiago	13	55	s	Sing'por	28	82	r	Warsaw	23	73	s
Sarajevo	31	88	s	St'holm	16	61	r	Wash'ton	22	72	r
Sydney	15	59	c	Strasb'rg	27	81	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	X
Tangier	25	77	s	Tokyo	27	81	r	Zurich	27	81	s
Tel Aviv	31	88	s	Toronto	25	77	r				
Tenerife	27	81	s	Tunis	33	91	s				
Valencia	31	88	s	Vanc'ver	19	66	r				

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday. X = not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	11:33	4.0	11:59	4.1
Avonmouth	4:57	11.8	5:26	12.0
Belfast	9:00	3.3	9:25	3.4
Cardiff	4:43	10.9	5:13	11.2
Devonport	3:27	5.0	3:59	5.2
Dover	9:03	6.1	9:25	6.3
Dublin	9:38	3.9	10:12	4.1
Falmouth	2:58	4.8	3:30	5.0
Greenock	10:34	3.1	10:51	3.2
Harwich	9:51	3.6	10:18	3.8
Holyhead	8:21	5.2	8:51	5.3
Hull (Albert D)	4:13	8.0	4:37	8.2
Ilfracombe	3:47	8.2	4:15	8.4
King's Lynn	4:17	5.9	4:41	6.0
Leith	0:17	5.1	12:45	5.2

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	9:12	8.7	9:42	8.9
London Bridge	11:57	6.7	-	-
Lowestoft	7:27	2.4	7:48	2.4
Margate	10:00	4.4	10:24	4.4
Milford Haven	4:09	6.2	4:33	6.3
Newquay	2:59	6.2	3:26	6.4
Oban	4:05	3.4	4:25	3.5
Penzance	2:25	4.9	2:57	5.1
Portland	4:20	1.6	4:49	1.8
Portsmouth	9:24	4.3	9:45	4.5
Shoreham	9:09	5.8	9:32	6.0
Southampton	8:45	4.2	9:12	4.4
Swansea	4:05	8.5	4:28	8.6
Tees	1:27	5.1	1:51	5.2
Walton-On-Naze	9:47	4.0	10:11	4.0

All times GMT Heights in metres

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Weybourne, Norfolk 29C (85F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway 1.42in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne 13.2hrs.

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He came by Tube, he left by car...





The Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, travelling to the Commons yesterday by Tube to deliver his plans for the future of the country's transport ... and leaving, having done so, by car *Stefan Rousseau/Tom Pilston*

...the man who'll make drivers pay

BY RANDEEP RAMESH
COLIN BROWN, and

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister who is in charge of transport, unveiled his plans to get Britain moving again by charging motorists for driving into town centres and taxing workplace parking.

Drivers will also face tolls on the nation's motorways and trunk road network – a move which motoring organisations said would simply see traffic shift on to country lanes.

The plans were outlined in the Government's White Paper, *A New Deal for Transport*. The key to the success of the policy is the ability of councils to use the money collected to fund bus, rail and tram links.

New powers will let local authorities charge drivers travelling into busy town centres and levy a tax on companies with car parks.

Ministers say that 10 per cent of the total number of people commuting to and from work by car on their own need to switch to public transport in order to curb traffic growth. Treasury figures show that by 2005, income from these "new income streams" will top £1bn a year.

Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, is convinced that raising £1bn for public transport investment at the expense of car users is in tune with public opinion, but the Tories said last night it would become a key battle ground for the next election.

"It will mean higher taxes by the back door," said a senior Tory source. The Tories claimed it would break the spirit of the Labour manifesto pledge not to raise personal taxation.

William Hague, the Conservative leader, will today tell a London conference that the tax and spending policies announced by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, and Mr Prescott provided big targets for the Tories to attack.

Supermarkets and retailers escaped a parking levy, although they will be expected to provide better bus services and rail links to encourage shoppers to use public transport. Considered a victim of intense lobbying by supermarkets, Mr Prescott said that these measures will be looked at again at a later date.

There was speculation that Downing Street, which was heavily involved in the drafting of the document, watered down the plan to tax out-of-town shopping developments.

Moves to cut down on the "school run" were also announced, with safer walking and cycling routes, aimed at reducing the need to take children to school by car.

Despite these measures, Mr Prescott said his White Paper, the first in 20 years, would see the car "remain an important symbol of a prosperous, inclusive mobile society" and that "Mondeo man can breathe a sight of relief".

He went on: "After 20 years in the wilderness, this is the day transport policy bursts out into the light of a new dawn."

Many complained, however, that Mr Prescott does not practise what he preaches. He arrived at the House of Commons by Tube but left by his red ministerial Jaguar.

Mr Prescott has written the White Paper with the aim of providing carrots as well as sticks. There will be £300m more for local bus services and more stringent enforcement of bus lanes. There will also be an extra £300m for the rail industry and the setting up of a new strategic rail authority.

The White Paper heralds the biggest shake-up of the railways since the industry was privatised by the last administration. Train operators face "instant" fines for poor performance. The new rail authority will be answerable to ministers and will be able to direct Railtrack, which owns the nation's track and signalling, to spend cash on the network.

Mr Prescott will re-regulate some bus routes – ending bus deregulation, which ministers claimed have seen bus wars erupt on city streets.

Another innovation ministers say will see more people using public transport is a national information service.

Based on a Dutch system, this will allow travellers to ring a national number and get a door-to-door plan for their journey.

The Automobile Association praised Mr Prescott for his determination to tackle Britain's "shambolic" transport system. But John Dawson, policy director, added: "The case for new charges on top of the £1,000 a year the average driver already pays in taxes is thin. But the country desperately needs investment in road maintenance and new transport choices."

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Cancer vaccine may end chemotherapy

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
Health Editor

A NEW era in cancer therapy could be opened later this year with the launch of a vaccine which tackles the disease in a new way and could spell the end of chemotherapy.

Melacine is the first cancer vaccine which has been developed as a treatment for advanced melanoma, the most aggressive form of skin cancer which claims 2,000 lives a year in the UK. The drug is expected to win approval from the US Food and Drugs Administration within the next six months after trials in patients showed "promising" results.

A further five or six cancer vaccines are in the pipeline and are expected to be launched within the next two years. Some experts predict that they could spell the end of chemotherapy – treatment with large doses of toxic drugs whose effects can be worse than the disease – and usher in kinder therapies for people with cancer.

Cancer vaccines are so-called because they work by harnessing the body's immune system to fight the disease. They differ from conventional vaccines because they are given as a treatment rather than to prevent disease.

They are the first new class of drugs for cancer in a decade since the taxanes were developed in the late 1980s. These include the drugs Taxol, for advanced ovarian cancer which is derived from the bark of the Pacific yew tree and Taxotere, for advanced breast cancer.

Melanoma is the first cancer for which researchers have identified antigenic molecules on the surface of the cancer cells which act as a trigger for the immune system. Melacine, made by the US biotechnology company Ribi Immunochem, is one of a number of vaccines being developed for melanoma which primes the immune system to recognise the molecules and boosts the immune response to destroy cancer cells.

Professor Angus Dalgliesh, director of the Gordon Cancer Vaccine Laboratory at St George's Hospital, London, said: "Cancer vaccines may well take over from chemotherapy. They will probably knock out chemotherapy in some adjuvant regimes [where it is given with other drugs]."

Most cancers had been developing for years in the body before they were diagnosed during which they turned the immune response off. The idea of cancer vaccines was to reawaken the immune system.

He said: "Where cancer vaccines are going to work is in cases where a solid tumour is removed and there is a high chance of the cancer coming back. They are the people who will get the vaccine to kick start the immune system. In most cases it will only delay the inevitable but if you can do that with a non-toxic treatment that will be a valuable advance."

100 die as big heat scorches America

BY ANDREW MARSHALL
in Washington

UP IN the mountains, it is a searing heat which sucks the air from the lungs and scorches the skin. In the coastal cities, it is a damp, heavy heat which turns the lightest clothes into sweaty rags in seconds. But wherever you are in America, it is hot; very hot.

The nation is sweltering through one of the fieriest months since records began, with the South-West taking the brunt. In Britain, the complaint may be that the sun has hardly shown its face but in America it is ever-present, turning the walk from house to car into a journey through an inferno.

It is more than just a nuisance: 110 people have died across the country as the weather maps have turned from yellow to amber to a deep angry red. Temperatures have soared to over 100F (38C) across a broad arc of the West, from Arizona through central California and the Sierra Nevada, and in a vast swathe of the Great Plains, from the Dakotas in the north to the Sierra Madre in Mexico. El Niño is partly to blame, tilting the jet streams that normally keep the warm, dry air over the mountains and producing the hottest weather for nearly two decades.



A corn crop withers away

The US Government has tried to use the hot weather to get Congress to approve the global warming treaty signed in Kyoto last year. "Think about it," said Vice President Al Gore last week. "The hottest June on record. Withering heat in Texas and Florida. Cities that are setting thousand-year records for high temperature. How much more proof do we need that global warming is real?"

The worst affected have been those who take their lives in their hands and trek across the border from Mexico, a risky enterprise at the best of times. So far 43 have died from heat exhaustion and dehydration as they sought a better life in America.

Farmers are watching the crops wither in the fields, and even the hardy mesquite bushes of Texas are dying. Oklahoma is suffering one of the worst years since the dust bowl of the 1930s sent thousands fleeing West, and the state has declared most counties disaster areas.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury has warned the 800 bishops at the Lambeth Conference not to luxuriate in the trappings of power, even volunteering to chuck all his mitres into the Thames. In his inaugural address to the 10-yearly international gathering yesterday, Dr George Carey said: "Ours is to be a ministry of service, following the pattern laid down by our lord in washing his disciples' feet.
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Surreal life at County Hall
County Hall in London could become Britain's first Salvador Dali Museum. Talks are under way to house up to 60 sculptures by the celebrated Spanish surrealist in the former home of the GLC. Part of the museum's plans would be to plunge a section of the erstwhile centre of London local government into semi-darkness with quirky music playing to reflect the surrealist's dreamlike artistic fantasies.
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In a cultural encounter that foreshadows the future of the United States, Philadelphia is hosting upwards of 15,000 representatives of the National Council of La Raza, the country's biggest organisation of Hispanics.
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Gunsmoke clouds over Karachi
Karachi is Pakistan's biggest city, its only port and its commercial and industrial hub. It used to be the capital, too. Yet it has become apparent this summer how prescient Pakistan's politicians were when in 1963 they moved en masse to the new garden capital of Islamabad, as Karachi has disappeared once again beneath a haze of gunsmoke.
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PepsiCo buys Tropicana juices
In an important reshaping of the soft drinks industry, Seagram Co announced yesterday that it was offloading its Tropicana chilled juices business to PepsiCo Inc in a deal worth $3.3bn. The transaction will unite the world's second beverage company with the number one producer of branded juices.
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Jacqueline Laing
By interfering in the reproductive act, the technologists behave as though very young humans are just commodities, to be created, maintained and destroyed (if "unfit for their purpose") to satisfy the desires of desperate couples.
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Lawrence family in attack on Condon

BY ELIZA CRAWFORD

THE PARENTS of Stephen Lawrence yesterday launched a renewed attack on the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police as the first crucial stage of the inquiry into their son's murder came to an end.

Speaking at the end of 56 days of evidence, Neville Lawrence said his criticisms of the police investigation "have been vindicated".

Doreen Lawrence called for the resignation of Sir Paul Condon, claiming the attitude of the police to black people was no better now than at the time of Stephen's killing in April 1993.

Earlier, the inquiry chairman, Sir William Macpherson, paid tribute to the courage of the couple when he brought the proceedings to a temporary end.

"I want to end as we started, with a minute's silence to remember Stephen Lawrence, and I would like to congratulate the courage of his parents," he said. His words were met by a round of applause from the public gallery, before the inquiry room fell silent and lawyers joined relatives in bowing their heads.

The inquiry into the death of Stephen, a black A-level student killed by a gang of white racists at a bus stop in Eltham, south London, will resume on 16 September. Relatives and friends then emerged from Hannibal House, Elephant and Castle, south London to lay orange carnations at the foot of a lifesize mural of Stephen. His parents then read out separate statements.

Mrs Lawrence said: "At the start of my quest, all I could see was the face of my son lying on the hospital bed looking peaceful and calm.

"At the time I did not set out with the intention of criticising the police. My one contention was that the police had allowed the murderers of my son to walk away free."

But she said she had become increasingly incensed by the way Metropolitan Police officers had sought to put the blame at the door of her family.

"The majority of the legal teams who represent the police and authorities have shown by their behaviour and attitude that they are no better than the officers who conducted the original investigation into the murder of my son."

She added: "The inquiry into my son's murder has shown the public at large how black people have been, and still are being, treated by those who say that they treat everyone alike."

When asked if Sir Paul Condon should resign, she said: "He was there from the word go supporting his officers and therefore I think he should resign." She said that it could take "well into the millennium" before the wounds of this case will heal.

Neville Lawrence said: "The Met claim that things have improved since 1993, but plainly this is not true."

He acknowledged that the Commissioner had apologised over the handling of the case, but claimed this apology was not supported by the rank and file of the police force.

He concluded by challenging Sir Paul Condon to answer three questions: He asked whether the police chief would admit that racism had played an important role in the investigation; what action had been taken over an officer who had connections with the father of one of five suspects in the case, and whether any of the officers still serving would be disciplined over their role in the investigation.

The inquiry has now been adjourned to allow lawyers to prepare closing statements which will be presented in September.



Adele Chapman, who left Birmingham Children's Hospital yesterday after a triple transplant operation *Mike Sewell*

Women's groups demand action on forced marriages

BY STEVE BOGGAN

WOMEN'S GROUPS yesterday called on the Government to provide more money to tackle the growing problem of forced marriages in the Asian community.

They want measures to prevent women being tricked or coerced into marrying against their will. *The Independent* reported yesterday that forced marriages were increasing as second-generation British Asians demanded the right to choose their spouses.

Since the Government abolished the unpopular "primary-purpose" immigration rule, where spouses could be excluded if officials believed the marriage was one of convenience, the number of people gaining entry using their new, British-born, wife or husband as sponsor is believed to have increased. Some are thought to involve enforced marriages.

Women have been tricked by their families into travelling abroad for a "holiday" or to visit a sick relative, but once they arrive, find a marriage to a stranger has been arranged.

Some women are taken to remote villages - predominantly in Pakistan - never to return to the UK; others return but have to bring into the country, and support, their new spouse, who is not eligible for benefits.

Although arranged marriages, with the consent of both sides, are still the norm in many sections of the community, forced marriages appear to be increasing, resulting in many young women and men running away from home.

When they do, "bounty hunters" are employed to hunt them down and take them back to their families and the prospect of a forced marriage abroad. Women's groups like the Southall Black Sisters and the Keighley Women's Domestic Violence Forum try to prevent women being coerced into marriages at home and abroad.

They say a re-tightening of immigration laws is not the answer. Only more help on the ground in Britain and in the countries to which women are taken can help. "Women are not being forced into marriages in order to get visas for their husbands," said Hannana Siddiqui of Southall Black Sisters. "Forced marriages are simply used to control young women's freedoms and sexuality.

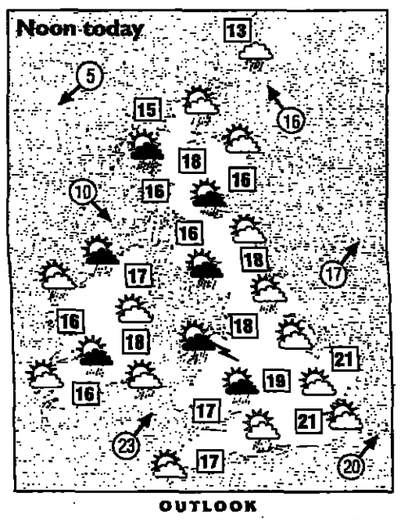
"Reinstating the primary-purpose rule is not the answer. It is a much wider problem which can only be solved by empowering women and providing more money for women's groups like ours, for more refuges and advice on the ground.

"Professionals like teachers and GPs should also be more active when they suspect that women they come into contact with are being forced into a marriage."

Shamshad Hussain, one of the Keighley Women's Domestic Violence Forum workers, said: "We need advice and support services and we need training for people on the front line like GPs, health visitors, and staff at Citizens Advice Bureaux and Asian Women's Centres on what course of action to take when someone tells them they are being forced into a marriage. We also need elders in the community to take responsibility and publicly condemn the practice of forced marriages and encourage communication between parents and young people over the way forward."

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BRITAIN TODAY



OUTLOOK

Scotland, Northern Ireland and north-west England and Wales will have a showery day with heavy downpours and sunny breaks in between, but there will be more persistent rain over the far north of Scotland. South Wales and south-west England will have sunny spells with the odd sharp shower passing by but it should become dry later. The eastern half of England will have a fresher day with sunshine; the morning will be mostly dry but scattered afternoon showers will break out.

NEXT FEW DAYS

Scotland will stay showery on Wednesday with most showers in the west, and the best sunny spells in the east. Showers will fade from most other areas, leaving some sunshine. However, rain will appear over south-west England, spreading northwards and eastwards later. Rain on Thursday will fade, leaving sunny spells and showers, heaviest over Scotland. Friday will be dry, but Scotland may catch a few showers.

LIGHTING UP TIMES

Belfast	21.43	to.....05.17
Birmingham	21.16	to.....05.12
Bristol	21.14	to.....05.19
Glasgow	21.44	to.....05.03
London	21.05	to.....05.10
Manchester	21.23	to.....05.08
Newcastle	21.28	to.....04.58

HIGH TIDES

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London	12:57	6.7		
Liverpool	10:12	8.7	22:42	8.9
Avonmouth	05:57	11.8	18:26	12.0
Hull (Albert Dock)	05:13	8.0	17:37	8.2
Greenock	11:34	3.1	23:51	3.2
Dun Laoghaire	10:35	3.9	23:08	4.1

AIR QUALITY
Today's readings

	NO_2	Pollen	O_3
London	Mod	High	Good
S England	Mod	Mod/High	Good
Wales	Good	Mod	Good
C England	Good	High	Good
N England	Good	Mod/High	Good
Scotland	Good	Mod/High	Good
N Ireland	Good	Mod	Good

SUN & MOON

Sun rises: 05.08
Sun sets: 21.05
Moon rises: 03.13
Moon sets: 19.10
New moon: July 23rd.

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YESTERDAY

BRITISH ISLES WEATHER

Most recent available figure at noon local time.

KEY: C,cloudy; Cl,clear; F,fair; Fg,fog; Hz,haze; M,mist; R,rain; S,sunny; Sl,sleet; Sh,showers; Sn,snow; Th,thunder.

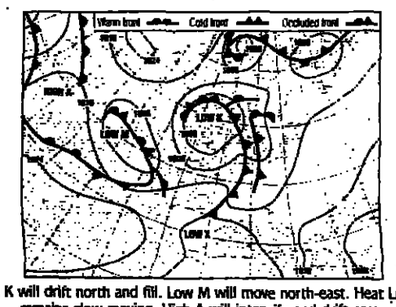
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Ayr	C	20	68
Belfast	C	19	66
Birmingham	C	22	72
Blackpool	Sh	19	66
Bournemouth	S	21	70
Brighton	S	19	66
Bristol	C	22	72
Cardiff	Ch	18	64
Carlisle	R	19	66
Dover	C	25	77
Dublin	F	20	68
Edinburgh	C	21	70
Exeter	Ch	17	63
Glasgow	C	19	66
Guernsey	S	18	64
Inverness	C	21	70
Ipswich	C	25	77
Is. of Scilly	C	17	63
Jersey	F	21	70
Liverpool	Sh	21	70
London	S	25	77
Manchester	F	20	68
Newcastle	R	19	66
Oxford	C	24	75
Plymouth	C	17	63
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Southampton	S	22	72
Southend	S	23	73
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THE WORLD

ATLANTIC CHART, NOON TODAY



Low K will drift north and fill. Low M will move north-east. Heat Low X remains slow moving. High A will intensify and drift east.

THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Akrotiri	S	37	68	Chicago	C	30	86	Lima	S	23	73
Alexandria	S	29	84	Christchurch	F	9	48	Lisbon	C	23	73
Algiers	S	28	82	Cologne	S	32	90	Locarno	S	29	84
Alicante	S	29	84	Copenhagen	F	19	66	Los Angeles	C	24	75
Amsterdam	S	28	82	Corfu	S	33	91	Luxembourg	C	30	86
Anchorage	C	18	64	Dakar	C	29	84	Madrid	S	32	90
Athens	S	32	90	Darwin	C	28	82	Majorca	S	35	95
Auckland	C	15	59	Dhahran	S	44	111	Malaga	S	28	82
Bahrain	S	44	111	Faro	M	24	75	Malta	S	30	86
Bangkok	S	34	93	Florence	S	33	91	Manila	F	35	95
Barbados	F	30	86	Frankfurt	S	30	86	Mecca	S	39	102
Barcelona	S	28	82	Funchal	S	25	77	Melbourne	C	10	50
Beirut	S	29	84	Geneva	S	33	91	Mexico City	F	24	75
Belgrade	S	32	90	Gibraltar	S	27	81	Miami	C	31	88
Berlin	S	26	79	Harare	S	22	72	Milan	S	32	90
Bermuda	S	29	84	Helsinki	R	16	61	Morocco	S	29	84
Biarritz	S	32	90	Hong Kong	C	33	91	Montreal	S	28	77
Bogota	F	16	61	Honolulu	F	29	84	Moscow	F	21	70
Bombay	C	31	88	Islamabad	S	39	102	Munich	S	30	86
Bordeaux	S	33	91	Istanbul	F	29	84	Nairobi	C	20	68
Brisbane	F	23	73	Jakarta	C	32	90	Naples	S	33	91
Brussels	F	30	86	Jeddah	S	36	97	Nassau	C	31	88
Bucharest	S	28	82	Jerusalem	S	32	90	New Delhi	S	33	91
Budapest	S	32	90	Jo'burg	S	18	64	New Orleans	S	34	93
Buenos Aires	S	17	63	Karachi	C	31	88	New York	F	29	84
Cairo	S	31	88	Kathmandu	C	25	77	Nice	S	28	82
Calgary	S	26	79	Kiev	C	25	77	Nicosia	S	32	90
Cape Town	C	14	57	Kingston	F	33	91	Oslo	S	21	70
Caracas	S	30	86	Kua. Lumpur	C	33	91	Paris	F	32	90
Casablanca	S	24	75	Las Palmas	S	26	79	Peking	S	32	90
Perth	C	15	59								
Port Stanley	R	3	37								
Prague	F	30	86								
Reykjavik	F	11	52								
Rhodes	S	29	84								
Rio de Jan	F	26	79								
Riyadh	S	42	108								
Rome	S	30	86								
Salzburg	S	30	86								
San Fran	S	25	77								
Santiago	F	13	55								
Seoul	M	26	79								
Singapore	C	30	86								
Stockholm	F	21	70								
Strasbourg	F	32	90								
Sydney	R	13	55								
Tokyo	S	31	88								
Tenerife	S	26	79								
Toronto	C	25	77								
Tunis	S	32	90								
Valencia	F	30	86								
Vancouver	C	21	70								
Venice	S	29	84								
Vienna	S	31	88								
Warsaw	C	25	77								
Washington	C	27	81								
Wellington	F	11	52								
Zurich	S	31	88								

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The message from Paris: marvel at the frocks, but buy the sunglasses

FORGET the millionaires and trophy wife clients. Their presence merely gives the *haute couture* a phoney reason to exist.

They acts as a façade – an attempt to kid the outside world that the luxury of *couture* is still in demand.

The five days during which Paris is hosting the *couture* shows for autumn/winter '98 are nothing more than an orgy of publicity and public relations. The clothes are secondary. The reality is that only a few hundred women can afford the services of a couturier.

What they are here to sell are the associated perfumes, potions and creams which bear the designer logos and names, and trade on the glamour.

Yesterday, for example, when Dior kept the few hundred of the world's richest women and most influential buyers and fashion press waiting for an hour and 20 minutes for their "Diorient Express" to pull into the platform at the Gare d'Austerlitz, image was everything.

The face-lifted ladies, the hundreds of camera and film crews and the sweltering banks of press were as part and parcel of the show as the clothes.

Dani Behr and Isabella Rossellini, were both seated on the front row sipping champagne handed to them by waiters from silver trays.

But they were not there because they were about to fork out a small fortune on a new frock. They too were part of the publicity machine.

On Thursday night, the two stars will present the first ever television show to be given total access to the world of *haute couture*. It will be broadcast on ABC in America. "Everybody loves to see a bit of glamour and fantasy," said the presenter, Dani Behr. "Most of the people attending this show can't afford to buy *couture*, but they are seduced by the glamour of it."

The cost of putting on a *couture* extravaganza – and when you hire a steam train and close down a platform on a working railway station for a day, it most certainly is an extravaganza – is tens of thousands of pounds.

For LVMH, the luxury goods group that owns Givenchy and Dior, the expense is well worth it. A fashion house will pay £16,000 for a double page advert in British *Vogue*. The publicity generated by a single *couture* show with millions of Americans tuning in to ABC on Thursday night alone is worth more advertising than money can buy.

BY TAMSIN BLANCHARD in Paris

Neither are the shows and the glamour about fantasy and giving ordinary folk a glimpse of a lifestyle they will never be able to afford. This is not about dresses at all.

What LVMH is really peddling is Dior stockings at £2.95 a pair, cellulite cream at £30 a jar, perfume at £25 a bottle, and sunglasses at £80 a throw. Dior's perfume sales alone are worth £550m.

The costs of making a *couture* collection far outweigh any revenue from sales. The whole event – from the supermodels who are paid five-figure sums to the fashion editors who studiously examine every outfit, few of which will actually ever be made, are like extras for a movie with a cast of hundreds.

Only a fraction of the clothes shown on the catwalk will ever be seen again, apart from in glossy fashion magazines. If a Hollywood star like Nicole Kidman can be coaxed into wearing Dior, so much the better. She will generate more pictures and more publicity in newspapers across the world, serving to sell more cellulite cream to Mrs Brown in Stafford.

Of course there are women who have significant budgets to spend on *haute couture*, but they are few and far between.

The fashion editor of *Al-Sharkiah* magazine, the Saudi Arabian publication that prints two *couture* supplements a year, insists that she provides the catalogue from which wealthy Middle Eastern women can choose their outfits in the privacy of their own homes. A significant amount of *couture* business is with Middle Eastern women who prefer to remain anonymous and do not even attend the shows.

Genevieve Thomes, a 32-year-old Canadian broker based in Hong Kong, flew over to Paris specially for the shows at Dior, Chanel and Givenchy. "I am a couture customer," she said, "but it would have to be a very special occasion to justify wearing a *couture* dress." She is a new breed of *couture* client, a self-made woman with her own independent income.

But women like her are rare. Joan Schnitzer-Levy, from Texas, seated on the front row with her gilt-edged Christian Dior sunglasses and matching bag, agrees that for her *couture* is an indulgence. "There are many other things to do with your money these days, like buying paintings and jewellery."

There are those who still believe that the *haute couture* serves as a laboratory for fashion. Alexandra Shulman, editor of British *Vogue*, attends the shows with a team from her magazine. "*Couture* is relevant to *Vogue* because it gives the designers a chance to experiment and do what they are capable of in an unrestricted way. It is not just to publicise the fragrances. What we see on the catwalks eventually filters down into the ready-to-wear collection."

After John Galliano's trawl through the costumes of Pocahontas and the court of Henry VIII for Dior yesterday afternoon, however, it is difficult to see how the ideas will be relevant to any modern woman's wardrobe, however wealthy.

The only place a Hong Kong broker like Genevieve Thomes could possibly wear a Dior doublet and hose or a Henry VIII style coat and Indian headdress is a fancy dress ball.

Brands are big business

THE DRESSES may be Christian Dior or Kenzo but their big importance is as a multi million pound slice of sales from an international conglomerate.

The parent company of Christian Dior, Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy (LVMH), earned £4.8billion in 1997, much of which was from the sale of perfume, beauty products and luggage bearing the name of

Christian Dior PARIS

some of the world's most famous fashion houses.

Only a quarter of the sales of LVMH, which includes names such as Guerlain and Christian Lacroix, came from fashion and luggage sales. Duty free shopping accounted for the biggest slice of sales (just more than a quarter of the total.)

More than a fifth of LVMH's sales were from people buying perfume and beauty products such as skin creams and make-up.



Naomi Campbell at the Dior show in Paris *Peter Macdiarmid*









Craig: now retired

After 46 years, Craig's evidence could clear Bentley

ONE OF THE most emotive *cause celebres* in British criminal history is due to reach a dramatic climax this week when Christopher Craig gives evidence that could at last clear the name of Derek Bentley.

Craig, whose shooting of a policeman sent Bentley, 19 years old but with a mental age of 11, to the gallows 46 years ago is expected to provide testimony that was suppressed at the original trial. Craig, now a 61-year-old retired farmer has taken a lie-detector test, and is prepared to tell the Court of Appeal that Bentley had tried to stop him from shooting with a revolver with the words: "What the bloody hell's got into you!"

If the evidence had been revealed during the case in 1952 it could have undermined the prosecution case that Craig and Bentley were involved in a joint enterprise, and thus equally guilty of the murder of PC Sidney Miles during a failed robbery.

However, Craig, who was 16 at the time, failed to include this in his evidence at the trial on the advice of his barrister because it would have damaged his defence that the killing was accidental. This account is supported in a statement by the barrister in question, John Parris.

Bentley himself did not give evidence of this at the trial, but his lawyers suggested it was quite possible, given his limited intellect, that he had forgotten.

His case is also supported by hospital case papers, which show Bentley recalling, while he was on remand, that he shouted at Craig to give up his gun, but he refused to do so and then shot PC Miles "between his eyes".

Craig, who was too young to hang, was detained at Her Majesty's pleasure after the trial and served 10 years in jail.

Bentley's family have, with the support of leading public figures, fought a long battle to earn him a posthumous pardon. His sister Iris, who led the campaign, died of cancer before it was announced that the *Criminal Cases Review Commission* was sending the case back to the Court of Appeal for reconsideration.

The court heard that Bentley was found guilty on the basis of five words – "Let him have it Chris" – which the police claimed he had said.

But Mr Fitzgerald said there was "the gravest doubt" whether those words were uttered. He said the words were remarkably similar to those in the notorious case of the shooting of a police officer 10 years earlier when a criminal, called Appleby, had incited the shooting by saying: "Let him have it, he is all alone." Mr Fitzgerald said it was too coincidental that Bentley would use precisely the same words.

The appeal continues.

BY KIM SENGUPTA

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What is mobile data?

Mobile data combines two distinct technologies, computing and cellular communications, providing the mobile work-force with a set of powerful tools enabling them to work away from their office. Digital mobile phones communicate in 1s and 0s just as computers do, therefore the mobile phone network can be used as an alternative to the fixed line networks to provide communications between computers.

Have you ever needed to be in two places at one time?

When you need to work together with a group of colleagues it is not always possible to get them together in the same place at the same time. With mobile data this doesn't matter. You can e-mail documents, including charts, diagrams and photographs, to as many of your colleagues as you like. They can pick up files from their offices, the back of a taxi, hotel or even a train and bounce ideas around the group – or to other colleagues for further discussion. As sales figures change and currencies fluctuate the raw data can easily be distributed and updated. People can add comments to each other's work and reach a collective decision in no time at all. Improving group communications means improving time management.

Have you ever wanted to know about your rival's latest product the instant it is announced?

Make sure you are ready to log onto the World Wide Web to pick up the details when your rivals announce their latest products. With mobile data you can do this wherever you are. The mobile phone freed you from having to stay in the office for an important call, mobile data will free you from being tied to your office PC. You can make sure that you are as well informed as your customers and suppliers by logging on from anywhere in the world and reading the information. Ericsson's new SH888 makes accessing the Internet on the move a practical proposition.

Have you ever tried to use a computer and modem in a hotel room and given up?

If you are a frequent traveller accessing data, you may have found it less straightforward than it should be. You need all the right connectors. To plug a computer into a standard telephone socket means that you need the right lead. Different countries have a bizarre and incompatible range of sockets. With the SH888 you don't need to worry about sockets and cables because it has an in-built PC card and communicates with your computer directly by infra-red using the same technology as a TV remote control. For international calls a mobile phone can also be substantially cheaper than paying hotel rates.



The new SH888.

Why is the SH888 the best phone for mobile data?

To transfer data, PCs require a modem. Before the Ericsson SH888, a portable PC modem was contained in a PC card, which slotted inside your computer. The in-built PC card and infra-red technology in the SH888 has a number of benefits, besides removing the need to carry the extra kit and the fact that it's cheaper to buy the SH888 than a mobile phone with separate cable and card.
Traditionally PC cards rapidly drain a computer's battery, especially PDAs (Personal Digital Assistant) which use normal Alkaline batteries. Because the modem is built into the phone, the power isn't drawn from the PC. As the phone need only be used on infra-red when you transfer data, the drain on the battery is nominal too. And because it supports the IrDA protocol it is compatible with the widest range of PCs, laptops and PDAs (operating Windows CE 2.0). It's even compatible with the Psion 5 and the Palm III.

So how do I use the SH888 to connect to the Internet?

Connecting to the Internet with the SH888 is extremely simple, but it must be noted that you cannot just buy the hardware, switch it on and expect to browse the web. Firstly you have to subscribe to an Internet service provider, either privately or through your company and then each time follow these simple steps. Activate your PC or PDA's infra-red port, select "Activate IR port" on the SH888's menu. Place the phone next to the computer, ensuring the infra-red ports are facing each other. Then either log into your office network or dial into your Internet service provider. Click onto your Internet icon and enter your desired address. For faster downloading you can opt to turn the images off.

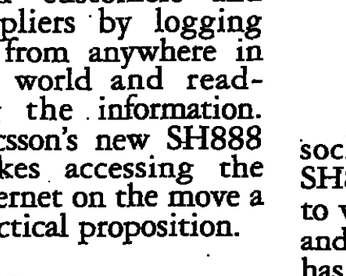
And how do I use the SH888 for e-mail?

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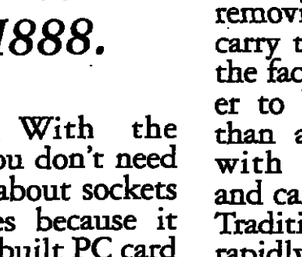
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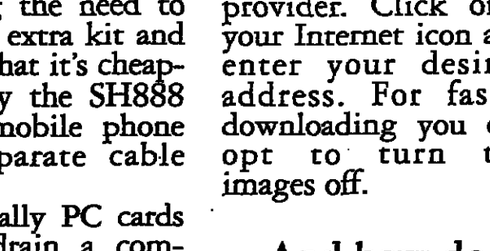
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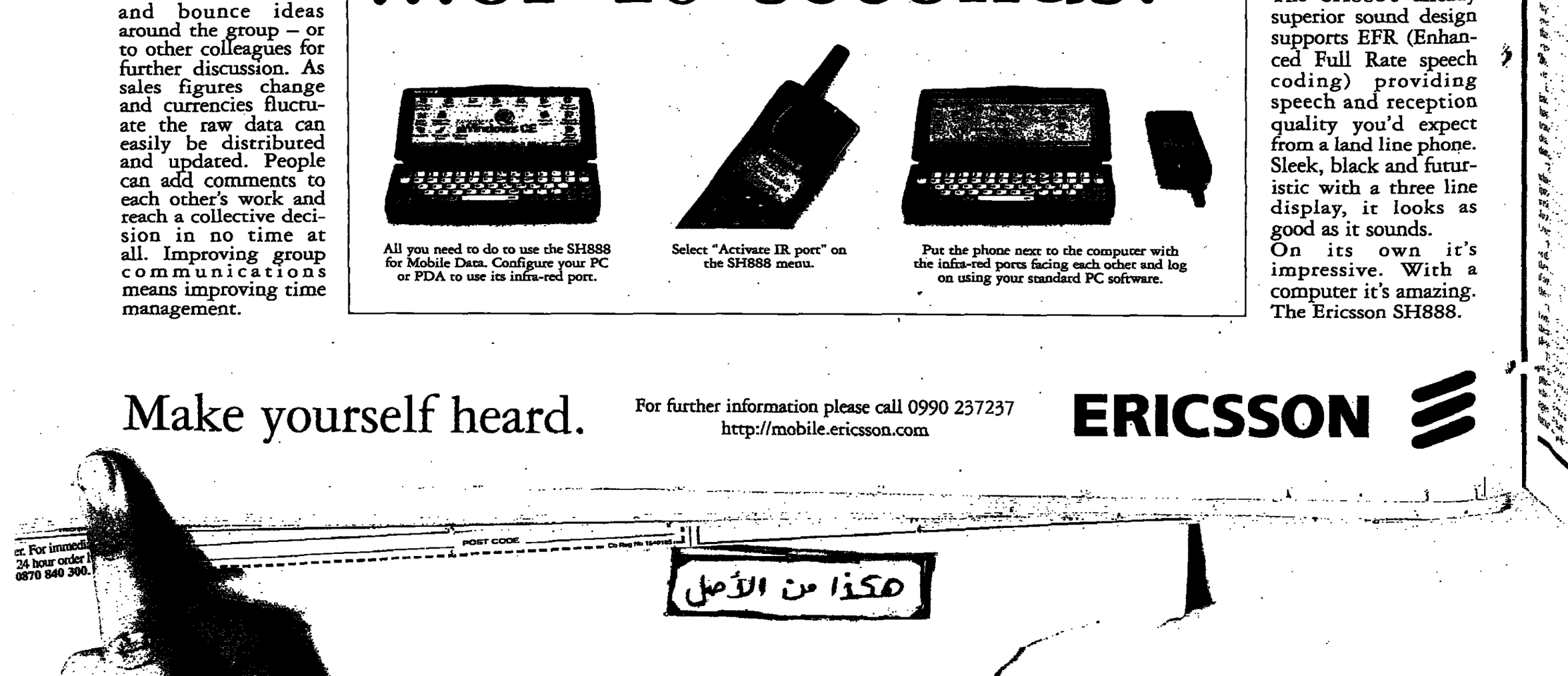


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Judge calls for searching inquiry as it is revealed woman who shook baby to death lied to obtain registration

Child-minder found guilty of murder

HELEN STACEY, a registered child-minder, was jailed for life yesterday for shaking to death five-month-old Joseph Macklin. After the trial at Norwich Crown Court it emerged that far from being an "ordinary woman, wife and mother" as her defence team had claimed, she was a former prostitute who had given up her first three children for adoption. The verdict and revelations about Stacey's past prompted calls for tighter regulations to stop unsuitable people obtaining local-authority registration as child-minders.

The judge, Mr Justice Blofeld, called for a "searching inquiry" into how Stacey was able to become a child-minder and demanded answers to how she deceived social workers.

Norfork social services defended its part, saying that the system had failed because Stacey had not been truthful on her application form.

David Wright, social services director, said that the normal checks had been conscientiously carried out and had not uncovered any details of her previous convictions for prostitution or her decision to have her children adopted. He said extra checks had now been implemented by the council, but they needed to be adopted nationwide.

Stacey, 41, was found guilty by a majority of murdering Joseph at her home in North Walsham, Norfolk, in May last year.

She looked shocked and began to cry as the judge sentenced her to life imprisonment.

"You were then a registered child-minder and you took Joseph into your care to look after him," he said. "You lost your temper and shook him with such ferocity that he met his death. As a result of that, the death will remain a tragedy for his parents and relatives for the rest of their lives."

BY LOUISE JURY



The judge expressed anxiety that Stacey's background was not discovered when she applied to be a child-minder, but said it was difficult if information provided was incomplete.

He appealed to the public not to lose confidence in child-minders. "There are many caring child-minders who do a marvellous job and none of us want to see a situation where the public loses confidence in child-minders," he said.

Anthony Mackin, 32, the baby's father, had dropped off Joseph and his older sister Samantha at Stacey's home at 7am on the day he died.

When Mr Mackin, an air traffic controller, returned at 5.15pm, he thought Stacey seemed nervous about something.

Joseph had a grey pallor, blue lips and was "floppy like a rag doll". Mr Mackin said: "As soon as I saw him, I knew there was something dreadfully wrong."

Doctors could not revive the baby, who was declared dead an hour later. But Stacey said she had not thought there was anything to worry about in Joseph's demeanour.

Stacey, who had been caring for him for four days and had been a registered child-minder for five months, said she had not hurt him either deliberately or accidentally.

Medical experts agreed Joseph had been shaken to death and David Stokes QC, for the prosecution, told the court that only Stacey or the boy's parents could have done it. But neither Mr Mackin or his wife, Corinne, a hospital nursing assistant, showed any signs of being responsible.

In a statement outside court, Mr and Mrs Mackin said they were satisfied with the verdict but remained concerned about the registration procedure.

"We do not want Joseph to have died in vain and will therefore continue in our efforts to establish whether adequate checks were undertaken by the authorities on Helen Stacey's registration as a child-minder," they said.

Stacey had deliberately failed to disclose her past when applying to be a child-minder. On the police clearance form, she had ticked the box which indicated she had no other names than the current name and maiden name which she had supplied. She also denied having previous convictions.

"None of this was brought to light by the normal system of taking up references and checking police and social services records."

The Portia Trust, a charity that campaigns for compassion, said it would oppose the conviction because it was impossible to establish beyond reasonable doubt that Stacey was responsible.



Helen Stacey, a former prostitute who had given up three children for adoption, killed Joseph Macklin, left. His father said he was 'floppy like a rag doll' when he went to collect him from her *Alban Donohoe*

Lessons of other killings 'not learned'

BY LOUISE JURY

CAMPAIGNERS YESTERDAY called for Government guidelines on the registration of childminders to be tightened, claiming lessons from previous killings had not been learned.

Although childminders have to register with their local authorities, there is no national register or compulsory training.

There are 100,000 registered childminders in England and Wales looking after 350,000 youngsters every day.

The National Childminding Association said it would call for childminder training, standardised registration and constant police vigilance.

But a spokeswoman admitted no system was foolproof. Childminders are more highly regulated than other professionals in the industry.

Richard Fraser, of the Professional Association of Nursery Nurses, said: "With every profession there's bound to be somebody who is not a good person, but at least with registration they can be struck off."

David Wright, Norfolk County Council's director of social services, said all staff involved in the registration of Stacey in December 1996 had been affected by the baby's death.

But he claimed: "No blame can be attached to these members of staff for what happened. Despite this case, Norfolk social services believes the child-minder service is a good one and that parents who rely on it can have confidence in child-minders."

A detailed review had found that the registration of Stacey was carried out conscientiously, he said.

The council has now introduced two extra requirements – the production of a marriage certificate and a medical report from the applicant's GP – and urges the Government to make them a national standard.

Doctor struck off after sex assault on woman patient

A DOCTOR found guilty of indecent assault on a woman he had treated since the age of 10 was struck off yesterday by the General Medical Council.

The case was one of four heard this week alone by the GMC. The Council said yesterday that in the last five years there had been 45 cases of indecent assault heard of which 36 doctors had been found guilty. Of these 25 – only two thirds – were struck off.

Dr Magdy Omar was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in 1996. He had assaulted the young woman patient after conducting an internal examination.

The GMC's Professional Conduct Committee heard yesterday that Dr Omar had "lost control" and allowed his emotions to get the better of him.

BY GLENDA COOPER

During a consultation in his surgery in north London in June 1995, the 27-year-old woman was assaulted as she squatted on the floor carrying out a back exercise. In a subsequent meeting with her recorded by police Dr Omar apologised to his patient.

The doctor protested his innocence yesterday saying the depressive illness he suffered at the time had made him confused. Dr Omar had asked the Committee to look behind the conviction after an unsuccessful attempt to get the Court of Appeal to judge his conviction unsafe because his admission of guilt had been made when he was suffering from depression.

But Rosalind Foster, council for the GMC, said to do so would "open the floodgates" for doctors seeking to challenge their convictions in the criminal courts. The committee ruled it was not able to look behind the conviction.

Dr Omar told the hearing that he had not brought the profession into disrepute but had "acted all along in the best traditions of the medical profession". When he was first questioned about the incident Dr Omar had told police "I let my feelings get the better of me and that was wrong".

"There was a clear acceptance of fault" said Ms Foster who described the incident as a "serious breach of trust".

Announcing the committee's decision, the chairman, Sir Herbert Duthie, said it took a "grave view" of the offence of indecency – "it undermines the trust which the public places in the integrity of members of the medical profession".

Sir Herbert said that Dr Omar's name would be suspended from the Register with immediate effect and he would be struck off in 28 days time unless he appealed.

Hypnotist denies inflicting trauma

WHAT a disappointment. The hypnotist Paul McKenna didn't even tell the members of court that they should listen to him carefully and that soon they would be feeling very sleepy. Very sleepy indeed.

Rather he launched straight into a staunch denial that he had subjected a volunteer to a traumatic and humiliating ordeal which left him mentally damaged.

"My show is a fun show which people choose to participate in or choose not to if they wish," Mr McKenna told Mr Justice Toulson at the High Court in London.

"If anybody shows any sign of distress, I would ask them if they want to leave the stage - if not actually ask them to leave the stage.

"And when I speak to somebody as they leave, I remind them that they are now completely back to normal."

The hypnotist was defending an action brought by schizophrenic Christopher Gates, who is claiming £200,000 damages from him. Mr Gates, 30, a furniture polisher from High Wycombe, Bucks, is suing over psychiatric injuries he claims to have suffered after being hypnotised at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe in March 1994.

BY ANDREW BUNCOME

During the show, volunteers were told to prance around like Mick Jagger, dance ballet and put on "magic glasses" which would enable them to see people naked.

Less than 10 days after the show, Mr Gates was admitted to hospital suffering from acute schizophrenia. His mental problems have continued and he is now unemployed.

Mr McKenna, who denies negligence, told the court that there was no question of his having overcome Mr Gates's conscious will. He saw no signs of distress in Mr Gates throughout the performance.

He agreed that his PhD from an American university - gained after he produced a 70,000-word dissertation on hypnosis - was "somewhat devalued" when it turned out the university was not accredited. The case continues.

IN BRIEF

All but ten 'Bloody Sunday' troops stay away from new inquiry

ONLY TEN out of 168 British soldiers who gave statements to police after the 1972 Bloody Sunday shootings have agreed to give evidence to the Saville Inquiry into the incident.

At the opening of a preliminary hearing, Ministry of Defence lawyers said they were unable to trace other soldiers who fired on civil-rights protesters in Londonderry.

Safari suspect still not charged

THE MAN suspected of killing British tourist Julie Ward will be charged within two weeks, Kenyan authorities said. Simon Ole Makallah was due to face charges yesterday, but a court spokesman said: "There are steps that the police must still accomplish before he is charged with a capital offence."

Briton killed in Kenyan bar raid

A BRITISH aid worker was shot dead during a robbery on a bar in the Kenyan capital Nairobi on Sunday night, his employers said yesterday. The victim was 45-year-old Colin Baker of the London-based agency Actionaid.

No charges for Fayed

MOHAMED AL Fayed will not face charges over claims that the contents of Harrods safe deposit boxes were stolen. He was arrested over allegations that deposit boxes, including one belonging to Tiny Rowland, had been opened and rifled in 1995.

Compulsory drug tests for RAF

COMPULSORY drug-testing is to be introduced to the Royal Air Force, the Armed Forces minister John Reid announced yesterday. The move brings the RAF into line with the Army and the Royal Navy.

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Prescott aims to end era of car

BY RANDEP RAMESH
Transport Correspondent

JOHN PRESCOTT'S White Paper aims to cool the public's passion for the motor car.

The paper acknowledges the car's contribution but warns that unchecked traffic growth will see "the tranquillity of the countryside further eroded".

"Rush-hours will become longer. Driving will become less of a pleasure ... and there will be more damage to the environment and our health will suffer."

To achieve the Government's ends, Mr Prescott is counting on the measures in his White Paper being sufficient.

THE MOTORIST

Drivers will be charged for driving into town centres and pilot projects will be set up to test tolling technologies on trunk roads and motorways.

Local authorities will also be able to levy a new parking tax on workplace parking in order to pressure employers to cut the number of trips staff make to work.

Councils will be given powers to use the cash raised by these levies on better bus and train services.

Holiday hotspots, particularly in the countryside, are likely to be targeted for charging, especially national parks where there is heavy seasonal traffic.

But new legislation will be needed followed by pilot schemes.

A charter for motorists which will mean better-maintained roads, better traffic information and management, and a clampdown on cowboy clampers and unscrupulous second-hand car salesmen.

RAILWAYS

Ministers will create a Strategic Rail Authority to "provide a clear, coherent and strategic programme for the development of our railways".

The SRA will ensure the railway network is integrated with other forms of transport and run as a single network and not a collection of different businesses.

A £100m investment fund will be instituted, to relieve "pinch points" on the rail network by upgrading track and signalling.

The Strategic Rail Authority, including a chairman and a board, will take over the powers of the Franchising Director, and responsibility for freight grants and will have the main responsibility for consumer protection.

Train companies will also face tougher "instant" fines for poor performance.

Last year South West Trains cut hundreds of services randomly without receiving a fine.

Railway companies hoping to extend their franchises will face "more demanding performance standards".

To make sure that passenger groups provide the most effective and independent voice for rail users, sponsorship for the existing Central Rail Users Consultative Committee and Rail Users Consultative Committees Passenger Group will transfer to the SRA and membership will include a wider cross-section of passengers.

To remove the risk of any existing railway land which might be of potential value to the passenger or freight railway slipping through the net, the British Railways Board will suspend land sales immediately until it has conducted an audit of the remaining sites.

BUSES

More money will be available for "Quality partnerships", which see councils investing in better bus-stops and private coach companies matching the cash spent on new buses.

There will be national minimum concessionary fares for pensioners, which will mean at least half-price bus tickets for those who qualify for a maximum £5 annual charge.

ROADS

The Highways Agency will be reformed and given a key role in managing the trunk-road network, possibly with new income streams from tolling.

Policies will be framed to help reduce the need for children to be driven to school by encouraging safer routes for walking and cycling, giving greater priority to public transport.

New planning policies will improve opportunities to get to work and the shops without having to use a car.

NEW COMMISSION FOR INTEGRATED TRANSPORT

This will provide impartial advice to the Government and monitor progress on implementation of policy.

It will ensure that the five-year plans put forward by local authorities manage to cut traffic levels and are not just used to raise cash for council schemes. A national integrated transport telephone service - to be set up by the year 2000 - will provide passengers with a route from their doorstop to their destination on public transport.

SECURITY

The White Paper addresses passengers' fears of crime. Tackling crime wherever it occurs in the transport system will be a priority.

Under the new Secure Stations scheme, all 3,000 stations policed by the British Transport Police can apply to join.

Stations will have trained staff and closed-circuit surveillance, regular inspections and better lighting.

Better street design and closed-circuit television can help curb fears of bus passengers waiting at bus-stops, particularly women, late at night.



Richard Thieme loads his children into a car outside Oaklands Junior and Infants School in Crowthorne, Berkshire, yesterday — *John Voos*

School's out – and so's the school run

THE CLEVER ones come early. Range Rovers, Golfs, Clios and stalwart Fiestas prowl the tree-flanked lane looking for a temporary home as another 'school run' gets underway at Oaklands Junior and Infants School in the Berkshire town of Crowthorne.

The old hands - "My son is 10 next week" - secure a coveted 'gate spot' up to half an hour ahead of their rivals leaving the rest of the pack to fight it out further down the road where a 10-minute walk awaits the loser. Then for 15 minutes the balmy summer afternoon is destroyed by the sound of crunched gears, revved engines and squealing brakes as the parents, with their children safely belted up in the back, head off into the fledgling rush hour.

BY GARY FINN

It is a time consuming, labour intensive and expensive way to travel a handful of miles. It is also a scene repeated all over Britain twice-a-day, five days a week, for the bulk of the year - and is at the heart of the car dependency culture which John Prescott hopes his Transport White Paper will change.

But the Deputy Prime Minister's plans to wean parents off the school run with more cycle lanes, buses and traffic calming schemes, are unlikely to change the ways of Crowthorne's parents.

Edna Samuel picks up her five-year-old granddaughter Bethany from the school. It is the only time she uses a car.

She said: "Bethany lives nine miles away in Bracknell. There's no way she could walk it - she's only five.

"Even if they built a cycle lane I don't think we'd let her use it. It would have to run from very near her home right up to the school and I cannot see that happening.

"As for buses they're hopeless - there isn't any that come this way, so what are you supposed to do?

"And in this day and age, it's not safe for a five-year-old girl on the street. I don't even leave her at the school gate, I walk her right up to the class room. I think most parents feel that way."

Those fears were echoed by the other parents on yesterday's run who were not convinced the Government could deliver.

Another parent, Carol Baldry, pointed to cycling proficiency - it was not taught at Oaklands until year 6 - the year the pupils leave.

"I, for one, would not feel that confident in letting my children near the kinds of roads we have today without a certificate."

But perhaps the biggest stumbling block to Mr Prescott's grand design is the simplest.

Carol Cutting, a mother with three children and a Range Rover said: "If I walked with my children it would take nearly an hour. If I come by car it's 10 minutes.

"No contest really."

Welcome to Lille, transport heaven

BRITISH commuters might be persuaded to leave their cars at home if they knew just what a joy the alternatives to sitting in traffic jams can be. Listen to the inhabitants of Lille in northern France who appear to have created public transport heaven.

BY KATHERINE BUTLER
in Lille

"It's the ambience I love," says Sylvie Moerman, a 20-something secretary at the futuristic glass-roofed Lille Europe station in central Lille – a station that is linked to the Eurostar and national TGV network.

"The speed and the frequency are fantastic but you also feel safe. It's clean, pleasant, airy and you know the train will stop if for any reason you press the button to call for help."

She is talking about "Le Val", the high-tech underground metro system which opened 15 years ago and has become the backbone of a rail and road transport concept which even by French standards is exceptional.

Even at rush hour commuters never have to wait for more than one minute for a train. Each station has been designed by a different architect. Lifts make access simple. You step on at ground level which makes life easy for mothers with prams or wheelchair users; there are no turnstiles; instead teams of ticket inspectors roam the network at random.

But the most distinctive feature of Le Val is that the trains appear to be driven by ghosts. Lille's metro was the first fully automated transport system in the world and has now been copied in a handful of other French cities, in Chicago and Taiwan.

The driverless trains allow frequency to be increased or cut according to demand. During the city's annual fair the metro runs 24 hours a day.

The Lille agglomeration has more than one million inhabitants. It was the foresight of transport planners at the Lille "Urban Community" that led to this city becoming a model for getting people out of their cars.

They developed not just Le Val but a coherent bus and tram network, an attractive simple and pricing policy – the same ticket takes you anywhere in the agglomeration and is valid on metro, tram or bus.

Bus and tram timetables are co-ordinated and motorists can leave their vehicles in huge guarded car parks at strategic points on the periphery of the area.

For the price of two metro tickets people living on certain bus routes can call on special taxis from a special calling point on the side of the road.

It cost 500m francs (£53m) a year to run the whole network, but that is mostly covered by the standard ticket price of 70p. No advertising is allowed in the stations.

But the Lille transport chiefs are not resting on their laurels. They are about to launch an ambitious 20-year plan which has the the aim of doubling the number of public transport users and cutting reliance on private vehicles either by families or businesses to a minimum.



Life in Lille, a city striving successfully to reduce reliance on the car — *Impact*

A massive network of cycle lanes is planned and city dwellers will soon be able to rent publicly owned bikes to get them from A to B.

"We don't expect anybody to cycle 20 kilometres but we want to incite people to use bicycles on short journeys," says Claudie Leclercq at the Urban Community.

She admits that the French mentality, like the British, still needs to be changed. "We have got a great public transport system but whatever we do there are still people who want to use their cars," she says. "These are the people we are now targeting in the next phase."

In addition to cycle lanes there will be radical traffic-calming measures throughout the city, reining in the surviving motorists by cutting speeds to a maximum of 30 kilometres an hour.

DAVID AARONOVITCH

I am one of Prescott's problems. Until I was 30 I rode a bike to work. And then I bought a Ford Escort, and never got on the bike again

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The future – but does it work? Five practical ways to drive Britain's motorists off the road



PUT BUSES FIRST ON MOTORWAYS

BUSES could be changed from "workhorses to race horses" by the creation of bus lanes on motorways. A significant network, say officials, would encourage people to leave their cars at home, particularly when they saw coaches speeding past traffic jams in adjoining lanes.

The only motorway bus lane so far in Britain is on the M4 in London. It cuts 15 minutes off the journey to Heathrow airport and is forecast to carry up to 37,000 passengers a day.

The main advantage of the policy, for ministers, is the ease of its implementation. So long as the route is on the line of an existing motorway, a public inquiry is not required. Ministers are now thought to be considering installing a bus and coach lane on part of the M25 round London.

RATING: ★★★ Cost may be big drawback

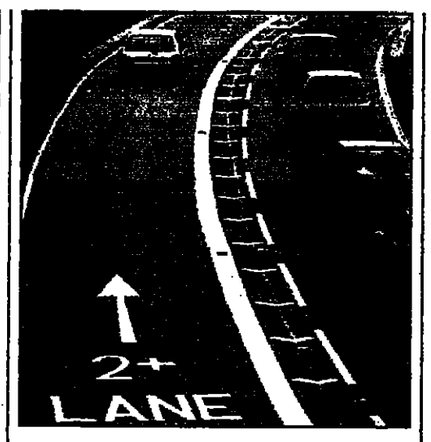


JOIN THE LOCAL CAR CLUB

COUNCILS could soon be going into the car-rental business to reduce city-centre congestion. Residents would be able to hire a car by the hour in return for giving up their own.

The idea is based on the principle that many cars are idle for as much as 23 hours a day. By providing a car only when someone needs it, the overall number in an area is reduced. Although the scheme may sound outlandish, in the past 10 years more than 250 cities in Europe have run successful schemes. Planners in Edinburgh, which hopes to start its car club this summer, have modelled theirs on Bremen. The German initiative began five years ago with 28 people sharing five cars. Today 800 people use 48 cars.

RATING: ★★★★ More effective in urban than rural areas, where car delivery is difficult



SHARE A TRIP WITH A FRIEND

LEEDS became the first British city to import "high-occupancy vehicle" lanes from the US. A one-mile stretch of the inside lane of the A647, a busy dual carriageway, is festooned with signs announcing that single occupants will be fined. Police can issue a £20 fixed penalty notice to erring drivers. Councillors claim the £450,000 scheme will cut vehicle entry to the city and take five minutes off a journey to work.

The key to the scheme is its re-allocation of road space to cars that carry more passengers. On average 2,000 vehicles carry 3,645 people on the route during the morning peak hour. Experts say that number could be cut by 10 per cent – to 1,800 an hour – if people shared cars.

RATING: ★★★ Works well in rush hour but could jam one lane while leaving another nearly empty



BE A GREEN COMMUTER

FREE TAXI rides, cheap bus tickets and car-sharing schemes are some of the incentives that companies may be offering to staff who drive to work. Big names such as motor manufacturer Vauxhall, which runs a car-sharing scheme, and Thames Water, which funds a bus service, have eased congestion on-site and on nearby roads.

Boots the chemist, with headquarters in Nottingham, hopes to reduce car commuting by 10 per cent in the first three years and a further 10 per cent over the next five years. Its car-sharing scheme has signed up a tenth of the 6,000-strong workforce and staff get a free taxi ride home if a "sharer" has to work late. Employers say it leads to a "more productive" workforce.

RATING: ★★ Hindered by out-of-town developments without public transport links



PREPARE TO PAY YOUR TOLLS

INVENTED IN Singapore nearly 25 years ago, road tolling has made only a few, brief appearances on Britain's highways. The most recent sighting was in Leicester. Cars using a two-and-a-half-mile stretch of a commuter road leading from near the junction with the M1 took part in an experiment to see how traffic levels would be cut. The pilot scheme, which ended in May, saw regular drivers being charged a notional £3 a day to take their cars into the city centre between 7am and 10am.

Drivers entered the pricing area and an overhead beacon electronically registered the toll on a pre-paid smartcard unit fixed to the windscreen behind the rear view mirror. If they chose to leave their car at a park-and-ride on the edge of the city centre and proceed by bus, they were charged only £1.30.

RATING: ★★★★ Raises funds, cuts congestion

How Brown was key to the big idea

BY COLIN BROWN
Chief Political Correspondent

GORDON BROWN and John Prescott forged an alliance over the Transport White Paper, which could become one of the most important within the Government behind Tony Blair.

The deal they struck over "hypothecation" tax from new charges on motorists for investment in public transport ended decades of Treasury resistance to the idea of earmarking tax for a special purpose.

Mr Prescott took great care to include a paragraph of praise for the Chancellor in his statement to MPs. "I am grateful to the Chancellor for having the courage to establish such a radical reform of public finances, allowing hypothecation of this income," he said.

The praise to Mr Brown was so fulsome that some Tories laughed, but it was genuinely felt by the Deputy Prime Minister. Without it, his big ideas for an integrated transport policy would have been stillborn. He needs the new income flows from car drivers to pay for the improvements in public transport.

Mr Prescott and Mr Brown were at odds before the general election over rail privatisation, and when they openly clashed over the Chancellor's determination to make the Treasury the powerhouse of the Government.

Mr Prescott had nursed the ambition of creating a radical alternative powerbase to the Treasury, on the lines of the ill-fated Department of Economic Affairs, to challenge the Treasury orthodoxy. As the election approached, it became clear to Mr Prescott that he was never going to be able to persuade Mr Blair to tell Mr Brown to share the power.

As he toured Britain on his election campaign battle bus, Mr Prescott privately drew up the plans which were to see their fruition yesterday. He took a strategic decision to form an alliance with Mr Brown, rather than to continue the battle against his powerbase.

When they came to work together in government, Mr Prescott was pleasantly surprised at how radical the Chancellor was prepared to be, and the Deputy Prime Minister quickly came to the conclusion that they could do business.

Mr Prescott realised that Mr Blair would never allow the Government to go back on its commitment not to raise the basic rate or top rate of tax. But hypothecation of taxation through transport would change the nature of the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions, into an income generating ministry.

He was convinced that while increases in personal taxation were unacceptable in a Blair government, the British public would go the way of Californians in supporting taxes for worthy causes, such as cutting pollution, and curbing car use.

That may alarm Blairites who do not wish to see any return to policies of higher taxation and higher spending, but Mr Prescott believes his White Paper fits into what he describes as "traditional [old Labour] values in a modern setting".

There were many deals in the making of the White Paper. When Mr Brown suggested the privatisation of the National Air Traffic Control System (Nats), a highly controversial move, Mr Prescott said "fine – but how about using the money that would generate for an northern airports policy?" That is now happening.

The Deputy Prime Minister also found invaluable the insider knowledge about the working of the City by Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, who was behind the wheeler dealing on the rescue of the Channel Tunnel link scheme, and the hard-bargaining now going on over raising £7bn in private finance for the London Underground.

Mr Brown's long-term ambitions for Number 10 will be strengthened by his alliance with the Deputy Prime Minister.



Gordon Brown: Struck a deal with John Prescott

Meanwhile, the Blairs are off in their £30,000 Toyota

BY LINUS GREGORIADIS

WHILE John Prescott and his colleagues in the Cabinet busily advocate the merits of public transport, their own efforts to abandon the motor car are at best half-hearted.

The Deputy Prime Minister, like many other ministers, uses a government vehicle for official engagements but also keeps a private car for personal use. When he once walked to work to encourage others to follow his lead, critics pointed out that he used his ministerial car to carry his briefcase. Although he has tried to convert a Jaguar to run on the more environmentally friendly liquid petroleum gas, he remains open to criticism that larger cars are "gas guzzlers".

The Prime Minister has also landed himself in hot water over his choice of private vehicle. While Cherie Blair uses an "ancient Metro", the family "runaround" has been hugely criticised. In a survey by *What Car?* magazine, their 3.3-litre £30,000 Chrysler Grand Voyager was found to be four times as damaging to the environment as the cleanest car tested.

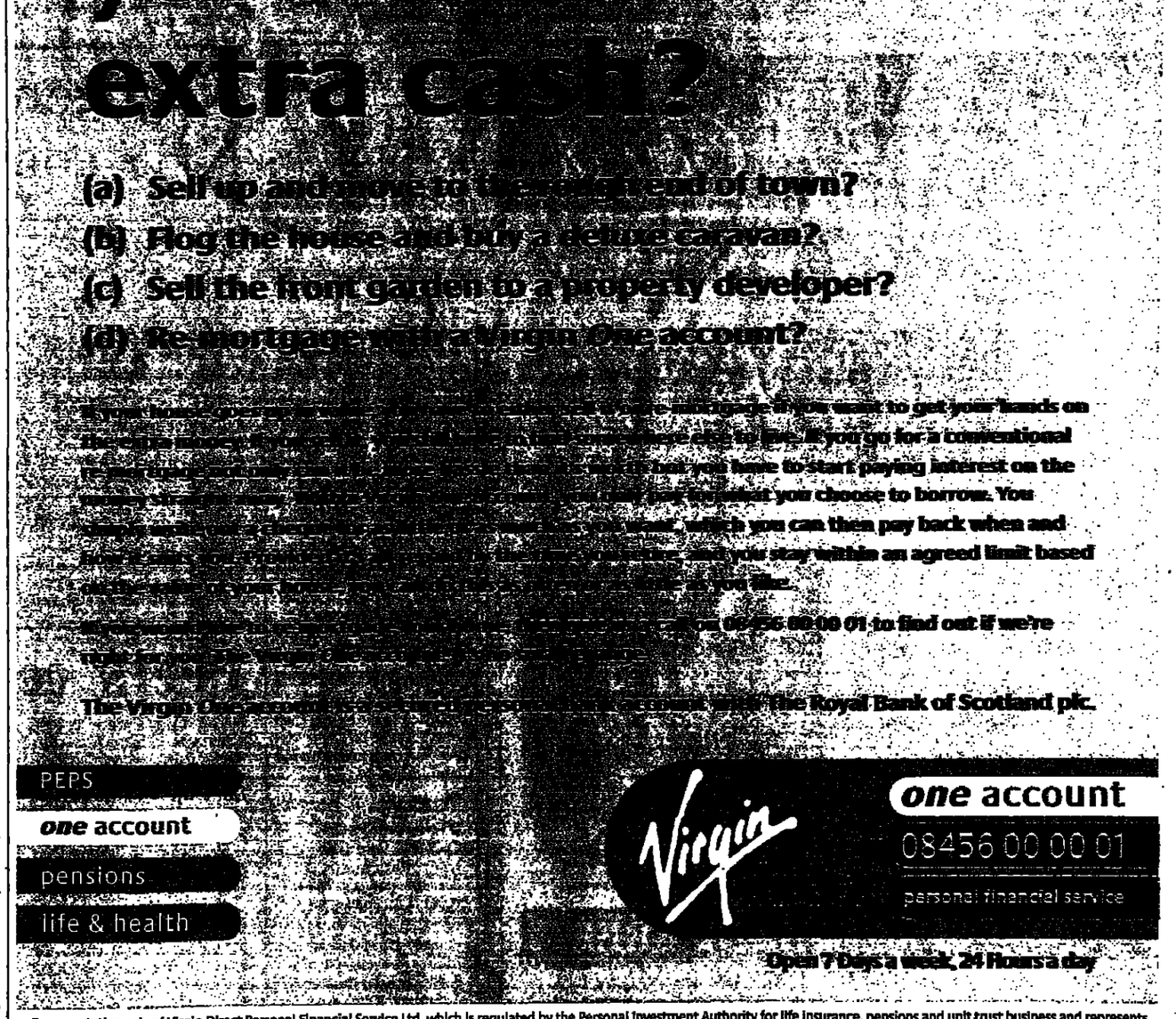
Attempts to find out what Harriet Harman, the Secretary of State for Social Security, drives proved fruitless. A spokesperson for her department would only say: "Where practical, ministers use public transport or they walk. When it is the most sensible form of transport, they use cars."

New Labour has long sought to appeal to "Mondeo Man", but now they are now driving the cars as well. The Paymaster-General, Geoffrey Robinson, a former chief executive of Jaguar, has given up his Jaguar for a Ford Mondeo. He said recently: "Now I have a ministerial Mondeo, which isn't quite the same. It wouldn't have been sensible to keep the Jag when everyone else has a Mondeo."

The Minister of Agriculture, Jack Cunningham, also drives one – but says he rarely uses it.

Home Secretary Jack Straw and Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, are among the few who do not own cars. David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education, is a rare bicycle user in parliament. "Occasionally he rides on the back of a tandem," a spokesman for his department said.

Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International Development, is said to travel to work by bus, but she does own two cars – a Carlton estate and a Cavalier saloon.



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Clattering along like a train on the District Line

THE SKETCH



MICHAEL BROWN

YESTERDAY WAS the hottest day in London, so far, in what passes for summer this year; just the day when, if you are Deputy Prime Minister, you want to take advantage of the ministerial Jaguar, close all the windows, tell the chauffeur to pour out the iced champagne and turn on the air-conditioning full blast. Bad luck, then, that poor John Prescott felt he had to avail himself of the District and Circle line to travel the two stops from Victoria to Westminster to demonstrate his support for public transport, prior to his statement on "the new deal for transport".

Arriving hot and bothered at Westminster, with a media circus in tow, he collected an assortment of bewildered tourists in his wake. Wilting, he stumped round to the main entrance of the Commons where he posed with Leon Ross, seven, an asthma sufferer who features in the White Paper as a youngster who wants traffic emissions cut. Leon had participated in a schools project, "Do Your Bit", and was rewarded with centre-stage publicity and the burly Deputy Prime Minister crouching beside him.

Mr Prescott's stunt was well played, although a seasoned traveller from Victoria to Westminster would have used the bus (60p) as against the Tube (minimum fare £1.30p). His statement to the House took 20 minutes to deliver and during the first five minutes there were 19 bus mentions. As with the experience of most bus passengers, there were then no more busses until his peroration, when two came at once.

Most Tories have never been on a bus and in this phase of the statement they were noisy and uninterested. But they are behind the times. An hour earlier, I saw the solitary figure of the shadow Chancellor Francis Maude in the Haymarket, quietly boarding a Number 12.

The Deputy Prime Minister turned his attention to the Underground, mentioning a £7bn public-private partnership. At least he experienced the sweat and the heat of the Tube at first hand. It is all a far cry from the late Peter Morrison, Tory grandee and parliamentary private secretary to Margaret Thatcher, who confessed that he had never been on the Tube and inquired of me whether they had buffet cars.

Mr Prescott clattered through his statement in much the same way as the District line trains trundle through Westminster. There were similar minor hitches, such as the sliding doors jamming. Mr Prescott slid over the Comprehensive Spending Review. The word comprehensive came out "compulsory". Consumer bodies became "consumer bodices", but Mr Prescott reopened the doors of his mouth, corrected himself and we finally got the mouth shut and travelled on to the next paragraph. The great joy of Prescott-speak is that, although the words tumble out like passengers from the carriage during the rush hour, everyone knows what he means.

We are all allowed to keep our cars but we must reduce their usage. The statement was received without much fuss. No one has yet got the measure of public opinion on this one. The great British public hate traffic jams but are not yet ready to give public transport a try and wonder how much Mr Prescott's policies are going to interfere and tax their love affair with the car. On balance, the statement sounded less radical than the hype and it will not cause revolution in the streets.

Mr Prescott's shadow, Gillian Shephard, was as precise in her questions as he was colloquial. She tweaked his tail and pinched him on details and the cost of it all.

He reserved his ugliest venom for Matthew Taylor (Lib Dem, Truro and St Austell), who wanted to know what penalties would be imposed on the use of the MPs' underground car park and ministerial cars. "Liberals are always holier than holy, aren't they?" he grumbled.

I did not see Mr Prescott depart from the Commons or what mode of transport he took, but few will begrudge him a few gulp-fulls of air-conditioned oxygen from his much loved Jag. Normal chauffeur-driven ministerial car service will no doubt have been resumed this morning.



Neil Kinnock before a ceremony at Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, where he became an Honorary Fellow of the University of Wales *Dragon*

Assembly will bar ministers with terror links

NORTHERN IRELAND
BY DAISY SAMPSON

THE NORTHERN Ireland Assembly will be able to bar politicians with links to terrorist groups, Mo Mowlam said last night.

The Northern Ireland Secretary confirmed that the Assembly itself, following her recommendation, would have the power to bar groups or individuals who did not conform to the spirit of the Good Friday Agreement.

In the second reading debate of the Northern Ireland Bill, which provides for the Assembly, north-south bodies and a British-Irish Council, MPs settled down to the legislative graft to get the Bill on to the Statute Book by the end of the month.

Ms Mowlam hailed the second reading as "another crucial milestone" for the Province. "The dispute over the parade at Drumcree and the violence that surrounded it has left a dark, sad cloud hanging over Northern Ireland," she said, but urged Members to concentrate on the matter in hand.

"We have had to fill in a number of practical gaps that were left by the Agreement," she told MPs. She promised to be flexible, but warned: "We cannot rewrite the Agreement."

Jeffrey Donaldson (UUP, Lagan Valley), a leading Unionist dissident from the Good Friday Agreement, interrupted her speech to ask her to confirm that if any party "breaches the cease-fire" they would be barred from the Assembly. "Such people can and will be excluded from office," Ms Mowlam said.

In answer to the Rev Martin Smyth (UUP, Belfast South), she told colleagues that "decisions on exclusion from ministerial office lie with the Assembly". But she, as Secretary of State, would make a recommendation to the Assembly. "A minister can be removed from office for any failure to meet his or her responsibilities," she said, adding: "There cannot be fudge between democracy and terror."

Peter Robinson (DUP, Belfast East) challenged Ms Mowlam on how a potential minister could be barred from "taking up office" in the first place.

Ms Mowlam confirmed that it would be possible, and that again she would send her recommendation to the Assembly and it would decide to bar potential ministers.

Later in the debate Ian Paisley and other Northern Ireland MPs became heated on the question of abortion.

The Secretary of State was unsure as to whether it would be a "reserved power" or a "transferred power". Having finally been handed a note by one of her officials, she told the House that abortion would be a reserved power and would remain a House of Commons responsibility. But, because it comes under the description of "criminal law" it would remain a responsibility of Westminster and not be transferred to the Assembly.

Women and elderly 'hit by car plans'

TRANSPORT
BY COLIN BROWN
Chief Political Correspondent

LABOUR MPS warmly welcomed John Prescott's transport statement outlining new taxes to curb car use, but it was condemned by the Tories with a warning that it would hit women, the elderly and people in rural areas.

One Tory MP told Mr Prescott, whose constituency is in Hull East: "Motorists' money is being bitten by the Mouth of the Humber."

The reaction in the Commons showed the transport White Paper could now become one of the key battle lines between the two parties in the run-up to the general election.

Mr Prescott was cheered by his own side when he pointed out that congestion charging had been in the Tories' own green paper before they lost office.

But the Tory transport spokeswoman, Gillian Shephard, was scornful of the Government's proposals. She said that before the election, Labour had promised an immediate end to planning blight and the implementation of radical new transport policies.

"Now the great day has come: we have extra taxes for road users, more regulations, more bureaucracy, and no improvements for the travelling public even promised until after the next election. What a wasted opportunity. If this is the best you can do, if this is it, we might as well have been waiting until next spring."

She told Mr Prescott: "Higher taxes for motorists will affect disproportionately women, the elderly, people with disabilities and people in rural areas, all of whom regard the car as a necessity and for all of whom safe and secure travel by car is a major consideration."

Mr Prescott hit back saying that what the last administration had produced by way of a transport policy in 18 years was an indictment of the last government.

Referring to her point about people in rural areas, he said: "I hope you would bear in mind that one third of people in this country have no access to cars."

He said: "The reception so far of the White Paper shows the time for change has arrived – and we intend to lead it."

Liberal Democrat transport spokesman Matthew Taylor said: "The White Paper is long on words, but still short on action."

He continued: "The Deputy Prime Minister has failed to tackle the big issues, he has failed to take on the big business interests of out-of-town shopping and leisure centres and he has failed to change the company car tax system.

"The White Paper is too much jam tomorrow, and not enough to tackle the jams of today."

Mr Taylor said that the White Paper did not even deliver clear national traffic reduction targets to measure its success or failure.

"If the White Paper was a train that was at first delayed, it is now postponed and is not even running to a timetable," he added.

Gwyneth Dunwoody, Labour chairwoman of the cross-party Transport Select Committee, said: "This is the first time for 18 years that a government has set down a sensible transport policy.

"The fact that Mr Prescott took over such chaos and fragmentation from the last administration and has come to the House with this imaginative plan for the future is a great credit to him."

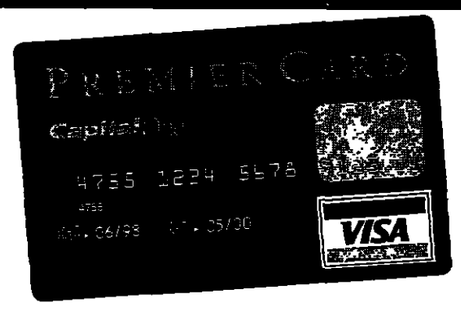
Also welcoming the statement, Peter Snape, a former Labour transport spokesman in Mr Prescott's team in opposition, urged the Deputy Prime Minister to outline tougher action to stop drivers halting buses by parking in bus lanes.

"Stiffer penalties and tougher enforcement will deter bus lane road hogs," Mr Prescott said.

He told Graham Stringer, the Labour MP for Manchester Blackley, there was a role for re-establishing regulation over buses. "The days of the cowboy bus operators are over. For too long, the bus has been seen as the workhorse. I would like it to be a racehorse."

Police in abuse inquiry censured

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THE HOUSE

Pay setback

PEERS INFLICTED a defeat on the National Minimum Wage Bill yesterday, opening the way to regional and individual exemptions. It was the 30th Lords defeat for ministers since coming to power – but their first on the flagship measure introducing the minimum wage.

Tory changes

A "WAR ROOM" is to be set up at Conservative Central Office combining press office and research staff under changes by Archie Norman, the chief executive. The party denied it was sacking all staff aged over 50.

Rising numbers

THE NUMBER of women applying to the Senior Civil Service rose last year – 34 per cent compared to 23 per cent in 1996-97.

Today

■ **Commons:** Scottish Questions; Lord Chancellor's Department Questions; Remission of Third World Debt (Jubilee 2000) Bill – Ten-Minute Rule Bill; Relationship of Government to Parliament debate; Single currency debate; Adjournment debate on destruction of Pan Am 103.
■ **Lords:** School Standards and Framework Bill, Scotland Bill.

Negligence claims against NHS could hit £2.3bn

HEALTH
BY FRAN ABRAMS
Political Correspondent

CLINICAL negligence claims against the National Health Service could add up to £2.3bn, the Government's spending watchdog says today.

Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, said that while the NHS paid out £300m on such claims last year, the amount outstanding could be much higher.

The accounts of health authorities and trusts estimated in March 1997 that they would have to pay £430m outstanding on unsettled or unpaid claims, and added a further £623m for cases where the outcome was uncertain.

Even those figures do not tell the whole story, because the NHS bears a large part of the cost through schemes designed to ease the burden. It could pay £900m on outstanding claims.

The final total is even higher because patients often wait some time before claiming, so auditors have to guess how many claims will be made. Sir John believes that figure could be as high as £1bn.

Although many of the figures are estimated, today's report says the amount outstanding could be £2.3bn.

The NHS Executive is acting to improve its assessment of these liabilities, but Sir John says more needs to be done. The Executive is looking for ways to keep down the cost of claims.

The report also highlights the problem of prescription fraud, which costs the health service up to £115m a year out of a prescription bill of £4.5bn.

The Department of Health has announced a programme of action against NHS fraud, which will include a new criminal offence of evading payment of prescription charges.

Sir John, the Comptroller and Auditor General, also said health authorities had an accumulated deficit of £791m at the end of the 1996-97 financial year. Out of 100 health authorities, 42 were in serious financial difficulties.

NHS trusts had reported a deficit of £50m for the year, but had an accumulated surplus of £307m.

Peers' ceremony bows out

HOUSE OF LORDS
BY DAISY SAMPSON

SIX NEW peers will take their seats in the House of Lords this week. Under a modernised procedure the new Lords will not have to bow three times as part of the ceremony, unlike their predecessors.

Yesterday afternoon Tim Clement-Jones and Brian Mackenzie were introduced.

Mr Clements-Jones, 48, who will take the Lib Dem whip, is a public affairs consultant. He is also chairman of the Liberal Democrat Federal Finance Committee.

Mr Mackenzie, 55, advised the former Conservative Home Secretary Michael Howard and the present incumbent, Jack Straw, on policing matters. He was vice-president and president of the Superintendents' Association. Lord Mackenzie of Framwellgate, as he has chosen to be called, will vote with the Government.

Today is thirtysomethings' day. This afternoon Pola Uddin, 38, and Waheed Alli, 34, will take their seats in the Upper House. Both will take the Labour whip. Ms Uddin is an equality manager at the London Borough of Newham, where she was elected in 1990 as the first Bangladesh-born woman to sit on a local authority. Following Ms Uddin will be millionaire Mr Alli, a personal friend of Tony Blair. He runs the Planet Television company, which launched *The Big Breakfast* for Channel Four.

Sir Colin Marshall, who has been chairman of British Airways since 1993, is 64. He has not announced which party whip, if any, he will take, but he will use the title Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge. He takes his membership of the Lords alongside John Tomlinson tomorrow afternoon.

Mr Tomlinson is a Labour Member of the European Parliament for Birmingham West, and the Budget spokesman for the European Parliamentary Labour Party.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ethical food

HOUSE OF Commons food is among the most ethical available, Dennis Turner, the Labour chairman of the catering committee, told Norman Baker (Lib Dem, Lewes.) Guidelines called for dolphin-friendly tuna, free-range eggs and fair trade coffee. Suppliers are encouraged to support fair trade conventions, to reduce packaging and to recycle where possible.

Flood of mail

DOWNING STREET receives three times as much mail now as it did before Labour came to power, the Prime Minister told Ian Bruce (Con, Dorset S). Approximately 7,000 items of correspondence arrive every week, and the Government is considering a new policy on providing ministers with e-mail addresses.

Libyan trade

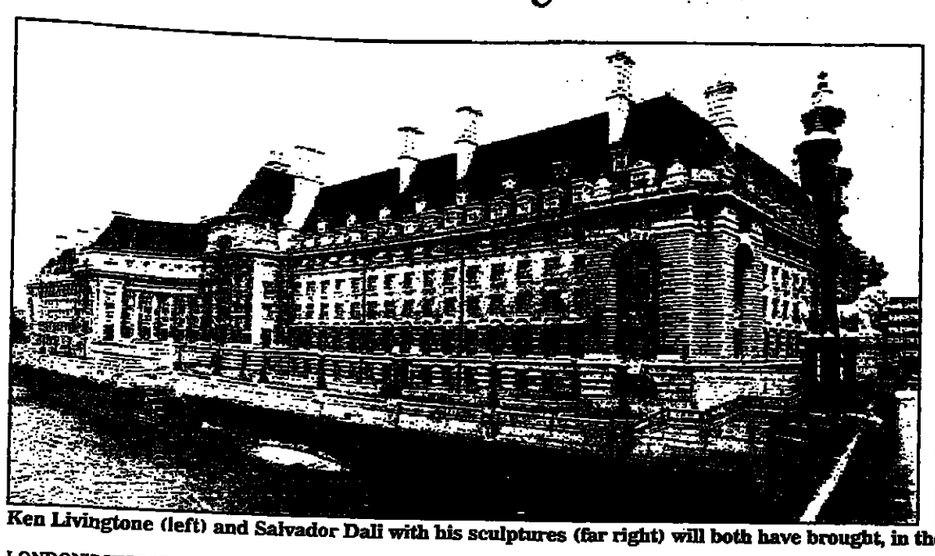
TRADE WITH Libya has dropped by just 2.5 per cent since sanctions were introduced in 1993, the Trade minister, Barbara Roche, said. Despite a ban on sales of oil-related goods, aircraft, technical advice and training Britain exported goods worth £269m last year. Imports from Libya were £231m in 1997.

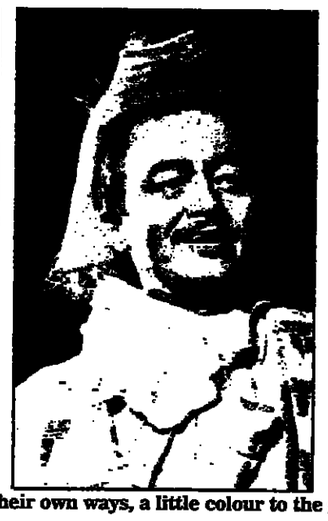
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Official: County Hall is still the headquarters of surrealism









Ken Livingtone (left) and Salvador Dali with his sculptures (far right) will both have brought, in their own ways, a little colour to the grey stones of County Hall

LONDON'S HISTORIC County Hall could become Britain's first Salvador Dali Museum. Talks are under way to house up to 60 sculptures by the celebrated Spanish surrealist in the former home of the GLC.

Part of the museum's plans would be to plunge a section of the erstwhile centre of London local government into semi-darkness with quirky music playing to reflect the surrealist's dreamlike artistic fantasies.

County Hall, where Ken Livingstone's left-wing GLC so alarmed Margaret Thatcher that she abolished it, is now owned by a Japanese company that opened an aquarium there as a tourist attraction. But there is room next to the aquarium for a large exhibition space.

However, some of Dali's sculptures are so large that it would have to be partly rebuilt.

BY DAVID LISTER
Arts News Editor

And as part of the Dali assault on London, a request has also been made to Westminster Council to put one of his more extravagantly surreal sculptures, *The Space Elephant*, next to the statue of Sir Winston Churchill in Parliament Square. The elephant sculpture has been exhibited in the Place Vendome in Paris in the past.

It is the permanent museum at County Hall that is the more serious plan, however.

The initiative comes from the Stratton Foundation, which is actually two Dali collectors, the husband-and-wife team of Benjamin and Roberta Levi, who are based in Italy. Mr Levi knew the late artist and set out to buy all his sculptures. He owns at least 60, as well as many illustrations and some paintings. Most have never been shown in London.

The Dali Museum at County Hall would contain virtually all of the sculptures and illustrations, as well as Dali's largest painting, *Papillon*, 20.5m wide and 5.2m high, dating from 1944.

The Levis have appointed Victoria Collomb-East, a consultant in fine art, as director-designate of the museum.

She said: "Mr and Mrs Levi want to open a Dali Museum in London because London is where it's all happening for the art scene. I have spoken to the owners of County Hall and they would appear to be keen to have us there. We're looking for a really exciting space, and we are also interested in getting a Dali sculpture in Parliament Square."

She added that the Dali Museum would "be very dark; it would have Dali's voice on tape and quirky music. Dali is fun, and we would hope to attract a lot of children."

County Hall is owned by a Japanese family firm headed by businessman Mac Okamoto. A number of other leisure attractions are already planned.

Mr Okamoto has also offered to continue County Hall tradition by letting the new Mayor of London reside there, but the offer has been declined.

Police in abuse inquiry censured

BY LOUISE JURY

TWO POLICE officers have been censured and their force told to improve procedures after an investigation into the handling of the Buckinghamshire abuse scandal.

But the inquiry supervised by the Police Complaints Authority concluded there was no evidence that police neglected their duty in the case of abuse at two residential homes in Stoke Poges.

Three former care workers were convicted last year of offences of ill-treating and neglecting mentally disabled adults at the homes run by Gordon Rowe and his company, Longcare.

Angry relatives of the residents demanded to know why it took so long for the staff to be prosecuted when police had first been alerted to concerns at the homes in 1993. The scandal was exposed by *The Independent* the following year.

The families said Rowe was friendly with police officers and suspect this was why the allegations were not initially taken seriously.

Rowe killed himself before he could be charged with raping and assaulting residents.

A complaints authority spokesman said yesterday: "There was no evidence to suggest that officers neglected their duty, but clearly inappropriate decisions were taken. It was decided there should be a review of the way in which police and social services operate, the end being to prevent a recurrence."

In addition, the authority decided a sergeant should be "admonished" over residents working on his private home.

A detective chief inspector was also admonished for going to the homes and "warning residents about their alleged criminal behaviour" and for using the police's national computer to carry out checks for Rowe.

An admonishment is not formal disciplining and does not go on the officers' career records.

Superintendent Geoff Alcraft, head of Thames Valley police's complaints and discipline department, said it had asked the authority to supervise what was an internal force inquiry.

The problems with the policemen who were admonished had no bearing on the investigation into the activities of Rowe at the homes, he said.

Thames Valley police and the social services were now looking at how they should liaise over such cases.

At the time of the allegations, there were set procedures for joint action on cases involving children, but not for vulnerable adults.

June Raybaud, of the Justice for Longcare Survivors campaign, said it remained "very cross" about the police's failure to act in 1993, although the eventual investigation had been "marvellous".

Senior officers from Thames Valley are due to meet the families of former residents in September when they will pursue their concerns.

Ms Raybaud said: "We can't really lay all this to rest until we know the details of what happened and we know that appropriate action has been taken.

"I think the officers deserve more than admonishment. If you have the police coming in and telling the residents off then they were going along with Gordon Rowe. That's why people didn't report what was going on."

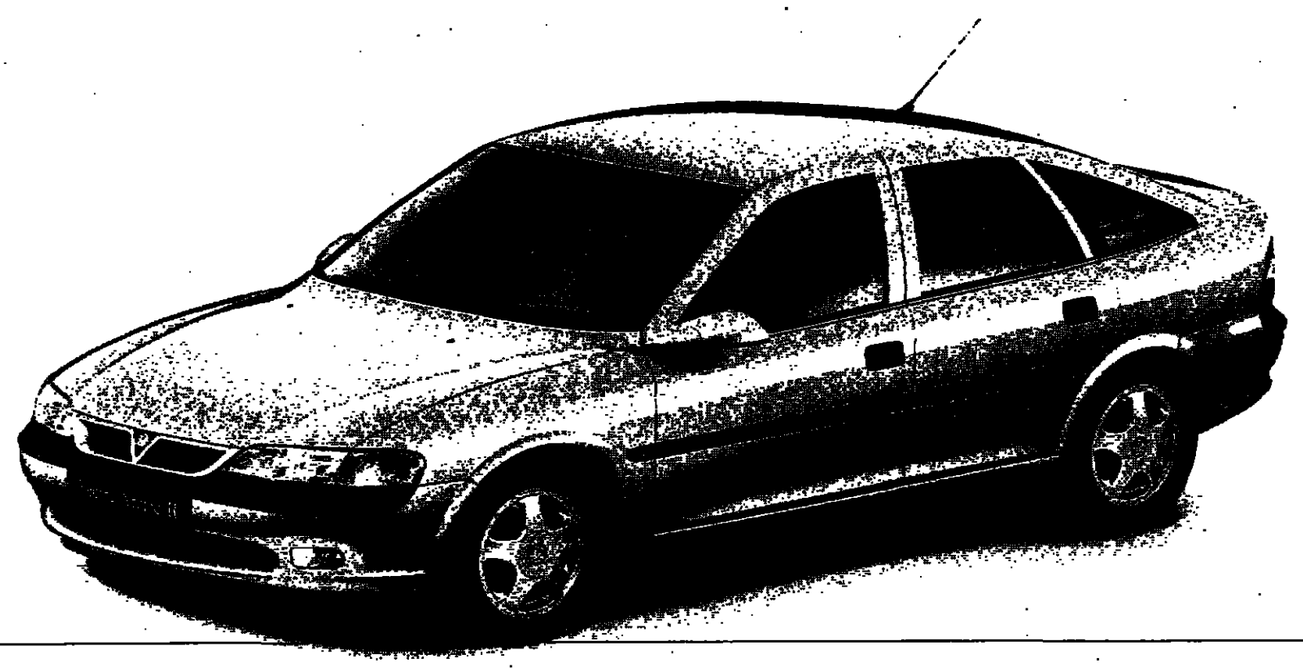
She noted that it was Jon Bound, the now retired superintendent who successfully brought the case to court, who had raised the alarm about the way the matter was initially handled.

DONALD MACINTYRE

Does Tony Blair dare to boldly go where his predecessors have resolutely failed to do and cut the number of ministers in his reshuffle?

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Improve violence warnings, TV told

BY PAUL MCCANN
Media Editor

BROADCASTERS should start using straight language and detailed descriptions to warn viewers of violent scenes in programmes, a report from television regulators recommended yesterday.

The regulators – from the BBC, the Broadcasting Standards Commission and the Independent Television Commission – also want a Teletext page dedicated to telling viewers which programmes contain violent scenes.

The report, *Violence and the Viewer*, rejects previous suggestions that an electronic censor – the V-chip – or an on-screen symbol be used to control who watches violent programmes. The chip was, it said, "too blunt an instrument".

Instead, the report's authors have created a Statement of Common Principle, which broadcasters will sign. It will force channels to justify their use of violent programmes and films.

The report suggests that parents and teachers help to educate children about the difference between television violence and real life. It also wants to see warnings precede any news programme that contains violent footage.

Charles Denton, chairman of the joint working party that produced the report, said yesterday: "Listings and on-screen announcements should be in plain language ... So we want to do away with phrases like 'hard hitting', 'gritty' or 'challenging' and replace them with straight-speaking.

"We are not saying broadcasters have to cut down on the amount of violence. We are saying let's give the public more information so they can make more informed judgements about programmes," he added. "We are concerned that viewers are not ambushed by programme content they do not wish to see."

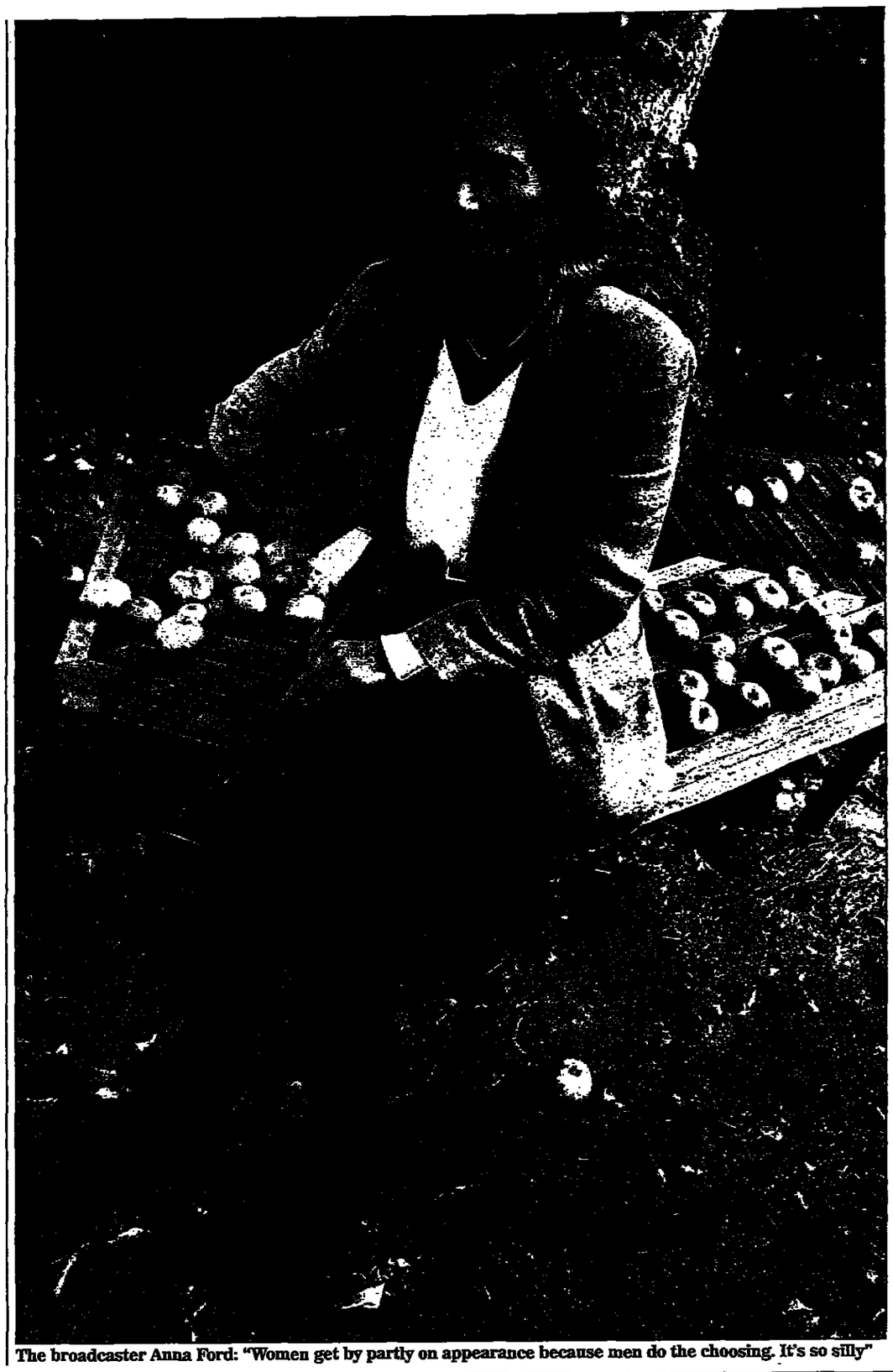
Giving an example, Mr Denton said that a continuity announcer introducing a film such as *The Silence of the Lambs* should from now on warn viewers about cannibalism rather than just about "strong scenes".

The report acknowledged that there was no evidence that viewers were getting more concerned about violence on television and attributes this to the success and the wide understanding of the 9pm watershed system. "Our findings indicate the audience is often more sophisticated in its understanding of the medium than some commentators suggest," Mr Denton said.

On-screen symbols, such as the red triangle used by Channel 4 in the Eighties to warn about sex scenes, were rejected because of research showing that the signs attract those they are intended to warn. The working party is concerned that symbols would help some viewers create their own "schedule of violence".

However, the report said it was willing to take the risk that a Teletext page common to all channels, which gave viewers up-to-date information of a programme's content, might be used in the same way.

The statement of common principle includes undertakings that the portrayal of violence should always be editorially or dramatically justifiable; that programmes avoid suggesting violence as an appropriate solution to problems; and that in reporting or depicting violent crime, programmes should avoid glamorising it or promoting fear of crime.



The broadcaster Anna Ford: "Women get by partly on appearance because men do the choosing. It's so silly"

Anna Ford condemns 'pathetic' BBC bosses

BY PAUL MCCANN

NOT FOR the first time, the broadcaster Anna Ford belied her ice-maiden image yesterday with an outspoken attack on the senior men in British television who have crossed her.

In an interview in this week's *Radio Times*, Ms Ford lashed out at Sir John Birt, director-general of the BBC, Sir David Frost, Sir Robin Day, Desmond Wilcox and almost all the men who formed *TV-am* with her.

Ms Ford, 54, in the interview, admitted that she has a very bad temper: "I am a bit Mediterranean. I have explosions which can surprise people."

She directs her fury at her BBC boss for his lack of support when she interviewed Kenneth Clarke, the former chancellor, before the last election. Sir John described the interview as having "more interruptions than appropriate" when the Conservative Party complained about it.

Ms Ford told *Radio Times*: "I thought how pathetic that the BBC isn't robust enough to realise we're here to question those with power. It is insulting to Kenneth Clarke, who is perfectly capable of looking after himself."

Next on Ms Ford's hit list was Sir Robin Day. He once said she had got on in television only because men wanted to sleep with her. She said of Sir Robin: "Silly old fool. I pushed him into a bush for that. Women get by partly on appearance because men do the choosing. It's so silly. We value people in an incredibly superficial way if we treat them like tailor's dummies."

Desmond Wilcox, husband of Esther Rantzen and the producer of *That's Life* and *Man Alive*, whom Ms Ford once worked for, is described as terribly bad-tempered, but she saves her ire for the kind of shows he produced: "I worry about the vulgarity of seeing other people's traumas as *entertainment*. It's like the Christians and the lions."

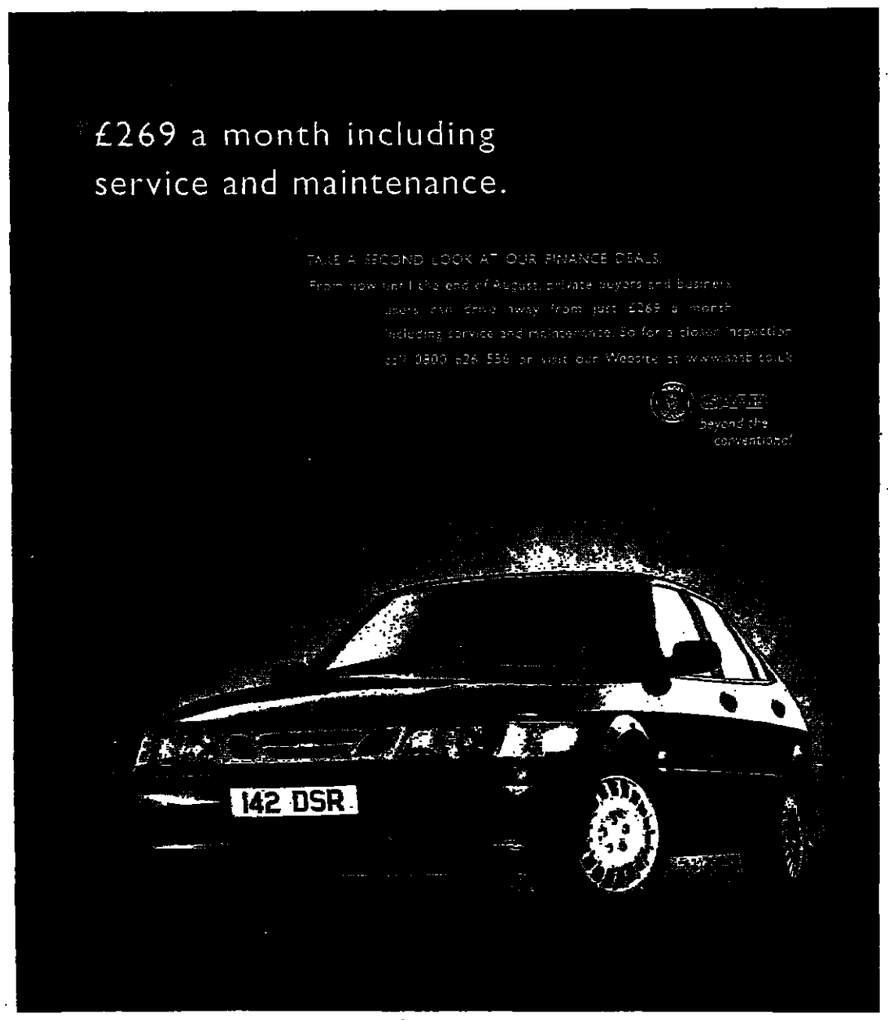
On her time at the breakfast TV channel *TV-am*, the anchor of *Six O'clock News* said: "I worked free for two years and was fired suddenly. Michael Parkinson said, 'I'm not having that, I'm leaving too.' then he was offered a job on the board and stayed. Amazing. David Frost rang me that night and said, 'Good news. They're not firing me.' The men in the company were pathetic, and can take a running jump."

ANNA'S ATTACK

– Sir John Birt: "Pathetic"
– Sir David Frost: "Can take a running jump"
– Desmond Wilcox: "Tough old thing with a temper"
– Throwing wine over Jonathan Aitken: "I consider that good taste, not bad temper"
– Saying "shit" on the *Today* programme: "We have such political correctness in this country it drives me potty and makes me want to take off my clothes and swear very loudly in public."

Ms Ford was hardly less sympathetic about the listeners to the Today programme on Radio 4 who complained last year when she described The Archers character Simon Pemberton as a "shit" at 8am: "I understand it might upset certain people at that time in the morning. We have such political correctness in this country it drives me potty and makes me want to take off all my clothes and swear very loudly in public."

A BBC spokesman said of the interview: "All the events reported took place some time ago, and those that related to the BBC were dealt with at the time."



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Chancellor rejects 'crazy economics' of the unions

TREASURY OFFICIALS last night accused senior union leaders of indulging in "crazy economics" over their demands for more pay for public servants, a cash injection for the economy and lower interest rates.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer told a delegation from the Trades Union Congress (TUC) that there was no question of a change in economic policy in the wake of £57bn of extra state spending announced last week.

In hour-long talks with Gordon Brown at the Treasury, employees' representatives called for an extra £3bn for job creation schemes to soften the impact of the economic slowdown. They also called for measures to tackle the strong pound to help the manufacturing industry and prepare the way for eventual entry into the European Monetary Union.

While John Monks, the general secretary of the TUC, diplomatically described the meeting as "useful", it was clear that Mr Brown had given them nothing.

BY BARRIE CLEMENT
Labour Editor

A spokesman for the Chancellor said unequivocally: "There will be no additional spending. This is not the right time or the right approach either for the economy or for the reforms that are necessary in the public services."

Mr Brown made it clear that he intended to keep a tight grip on public sector pay, but said employees' representatives should talk to the ministers responsible for individual departments.

He said there would be some flexibility in the pay determination process, but union leaders pointed to tough new restrictions on pay review bodies which cover 1.2 million public servants.

The Chancellor was also reminded that while the employees of private organisations were enjoying pay rises of 6.2 per cent, their colleagues in the public sector had to make do with 2.8 per cent.

Mr Monks, who led a delegation involving representatives of the country's biggest unions, expressed concerns over the economic slowdown and public sector pay. He said while Mr Brown had given the unions "no encouragement", they would continue their discussions with him.



John Monks: Met Brown

John Redwood, the Conservative trade and industry spokesman, later said a major rift had developed between the Chancellor and the union movement. "Mr Brown is falling out with the unions in a big way. He thinks he can get away with keeping public sector pay well below private sector pay. The unions disagree.

"It only means industrial trouble ahead or the Chancellor will cave in and the extra public spending will disappear in a whole series of inflationary pay awards," he said.

Meanwhile Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, who is in the middle of a consultation process aimed at reforming NHS pay, said the present system was unfair.

But he told a conference of the public service union Unison at Taunton, Somerset, that it would take some time to change it.

Mr Dobson said some organisations representing nurses and midwives might find it difficult to give up their present pay review bodies.

It is understood that doctors are resisting any attempt by the Government to create a system for all NHS employees. Nurses' representatives are also keen to keep their pay system separate from other non-professional staff.

Test tube baby lottery to end

THOUSANDS OF childless couples were today given fresh hope as the Government announced that guidelines to end geographical inequalities in IVF treatment would be published by the The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists next year.

At a party to celebrate the 20th birthday of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, public health minister Tessa Jowell said the Government was committed to ending the lottery of fertility treatment in the NHS, and that treatment will be based on "the very best clinical evidence".

More than 14 "test-tube" babies and their parents from around the country attended the party in the House of Commons.

BY RACHEL ELLIS

The event was organised by Labour MP Sally Keeble (Northampton North), whose four-year-old daughter Eleanor was born as a result of *in vitro* fertilisation treatment.

She said: "The inequalities are quite grotesque – on one side of the road you can get IVF treatment and on the other side you can't.

"The kind of criteria like age and length of time you have known your partner shouldn't be the criteria for providing treatment.

"I hope that this will promote IVF as a mainstream treatment available from the NHS."

At the reception Ms Jowell stated her determination to stamp out regional anomalies in NHS help in the field.

Under the current system, health authorities set their own guidelines for who will receive fertility treatment, giving some would-be mothers treatment while denying others.

Ms Jowell said: "As a government, we very much want to do three things. We want to end the geographical lottery in terms of services. We want to do everything possible to ensure that the treatment that is given to women and men is based on the very best evidence that will work, and we want to make sure that as we face the enormous advances, the ethical issues are properly addressed."

IVF has resulted in 29,000 babies in the UK and about 200,000 worldwide.

Among the guests were Jill and John Emery from Ashington, Northumberland, whose twins Sophie and Jack, who were born following IVF treatment, were celebrating their second birthday today.

Although Louise, of Bristol, was unable to attend the party, she sent a message of support. She said: "I'm glad Mum and Dad were given the opportunity of having IVF 20 years ago.

"I wish this was available to all who need it now."

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Carey tells bishops to cast off finery

BY CLARE GARNER

THE ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury has warned the 800 bishops at the Lambeth Conference not to luxuriate in the trappings of power, even volunteering to chuck all his mitres into the Thames.

In his inaugural address to the 10-yearly international gathering yesterday, Dr George Carey said: "Ours is to be a ministry of service, following the pattern laid down by our lord in washing his disciples' feet.

"Now at times, we can be tempted by an office dignified by the trappings of robes and ornate pageantry. I would gladly sling all my mitres in the River Thames next week if it made any difference to our ministry today."

One of his hopes for the conference over the coming three weeks was, he said, that the bishops should face up to the challenge of renewal and transformation for themselves. "Some have ... identified episcopacy with a lofty style of autocratic leadership. But we must never avoid the real challenges of episcopal leadership. For that challenge is to follow our lord in such simplicity of discipleship that our goodness, our holiness, our humility is there for all to see."

His remarks came just 24 hours after the 37 Anglican archbishops from around the world had paraded their elaborate finery in all its splendour at the opening service in Canterbury Cathedral. The procession down the aisle was akin to a fashion show, with one robe even lined in leopard skin.

Dr Carey's plea for simplicity will certainly have appealed to the Bishop of Edinburgh, the Right Rev Richard Holloway, who disapproves of the fact that lay representatives do not attend Lambeth Conference. In protest, Bishop Holloway is organising a mass throwing of biodegradable mitres into the Thames when the bishops and their spouses take a boat-trip. "We need a plainer, people's episcopacy," he said recently. "We work through synods as bishops and yet we still dress like medieval authoritarian bishops."

In his address Dr Carey set the scene for the conference, touching upon many of the issues which will be debated. Top of the agenda will be Third World debt, he said. "We are told by the President of the World Bank that 'three billion people live on under two dollars a day. One billion three hundred million live on under one dollar a day. One hundred million go hungry every day. One hundred and fifty million never get the chance to go to school'.

"These are the awful statistics behind the issue of the relief of the burden of unpayable debts which will focus as a major element in this conference," he said.

Bishops will also discuss ways of attracting young people to the church over the next decade. Dr Carey quoted from a book by Alec Vidler, saying: "Men connect the church, not with the disturbing and renewing encounter of a holy God, but ... with 'unattractive services, tedious homilies, the smell of hymn books, the petty round of ecclesiastical functions, the collection bag, an oppression due to lack of oxygen and memories of Sunday School'."

It was "that narrow kind of experience" which had "cut people off from the powerful reality of the Christian faith," said Dr Carey.

His only reference to homosexuality – potentially the most explosive topic up for discussion at the conference – came at the end of a list of controversial issues. "The environment, freedom, international debt – to say nothing of human sexuality!"

The bishops appear to be particularly keen on fitness this year, requesting that their gym open early in the morning so that they can exercise before breakfast.

But Dr Carey warned them not to overdo it, saying, "spiritual health, my brothers and sisters, is as vital to seek as physical health".



George Carey: 'I would gladly sling my mitres in the Thames if it would make any difference'

THE SYNOD'S BIG POLITICAL PLAYERS

Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Province of South Africa
NJONGONKULU NDUNGANE



The 57-year-old successor to Archbishop Desmond Tutu will be centre stage on Thursday when he chairs the debates on sexuality. He believes he may have been chosen for the role because of his experience of conflict of a different order: apartheid. His main concern, however, is international debt and he is hoping that the Conference will yield a strong statement on the subject. In his youth he was a member of the banned Pan-Africanist Congress, and spent three years in elson Mandela was held for most of his imprisonment. He received his calling to God while doing national service on the Island.

The Bishop of Rochester,
MICAEL NAZIR-ALI



The first non-white Church of England diocesan bishop is co-ordinating the inter-faith work at the Conference. He is particularly concerned about the Christian response to the more militant style of Islam which has grown up over the last 10 years, but assures delegates that inter-faith relations with Hindus, Buddhists, Jews and Sikhs will also be addressed. Born in Karachi in 1949 he became the youngest Anglican bishop in the world when elected Bishop of Raiwind in 1984. Married with two sons, he once said his idea of perfect bliss was having a curry lunch in one of the hospitality boxes at Lord's during a Test match.

Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland
ROBIN EAMES



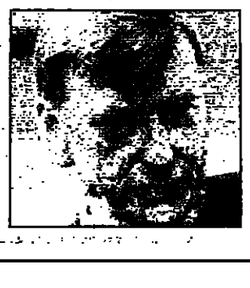
This genial but politically astute character is the Episcopal Co-ordinator for the Conference, with 60 press officers in his charge. His diplomatic skills won him a life peerage for his peace work in Northern Ireland and led to him chairing the commission on the ordination of women set up after the Lambeth Conference in 1988. A broad-churchman, he is married to Lady Eames, worldwide president of the Mothers Union. He is a keen sailor and a passionate follower of Rugby Union, and his heroes – Martin Luther King and Dietrich Bonhoeffer – reflect his liberal background.

Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand
PENNY JAMIESON



The British-born woman became the first female diocesan bishop in the Anglican Communion in 1991. She kick-started the Conference with an outspoken attack last week on the prejudice she has encountered in her job. She dislikes being a symbol of protest, but by definition she is one. She presides over a thinly populated, depressed rural diocese in the southernmost corner of New Zealand. However, her influence extends much wider and she can be counted on to make her views on poverty and oppression, as well as women's ministry heard during the Conference.

Bishop of Newark, New Jersey, USA
JOHN SPONG



This ultra-liberal bishop rivals David Jenkins, the former Bishop of Durham, in the controversy stakes. He recently posted his '12 theses' on the Internet in which he denied most of the basic Christian doctrines including the Resurrection. He is leading the gay rights lobbyists – most of whom are American – on pressing the Conference to allow the ordination of practising homosexuals and the blessing of same-sex relationships. In the late 1980s he ordained an openly gay man who later said that sex was good for everyone, even Mother Theresa. Many bishops are tiring of his increasingly preposterous statements.

Paedophile panic 'harming a generation of children'

PARANOID PARENTS are so terrified that their youngsters will be attacked by strangers that they are producing a generation of "battery-reared" children who are incapable of thinking for themselves, a families group claimed yesterday.

Families for Freedom, a London-based group of academics, teachers and parents, produced research showing that 76 per cent of parents were "very worried" about the risks which strangers posed to their children. Some 63 per cent agreed that their fears led them to restrict the movements of their children "way too much".

News of the findings came as *The Independent* revealed yesterday that Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, had endorsed plans to issue parents with advice to protect their children from sex offenders.

Parents will be told not to let children play alone or in quiet places and to request that youth leaders have a police check for sex offences. They will be told

BY IAN BURRELL
Home Affairs Correspondent

that paedophiles live in every community and that vigilante action against high-profile offenders does not protect children.

But Tiffany Jenkins, director of Families for Freedom, accused the Government of fuelling a "paedophile panic" which was harming the development of the next generation of children.

She said: 'Their physical containment in the home means that they won't learn how to become responsible and how to circumnavigate problems for themselves. They are also being encouraged to see everyone through a prism of distrust."

The survey of 200 parents in Manchester, Glasgow, Bristol and London, found that the number of parents "very worried" by the risks to their children from strangers, was much higher than for other risks such as traffic (66 per cent), drugs/alcohol (24 per cent), and medical



Jack Straw: Giving advice

risks (six per cent). Some 85 per cent of parents said they were so worried about their children's safety that their fears impinged on their quality of life.

Ms Jenkins said the fears were unreasonable and pointed out that the numbers of children abducted and killed each year by strangers averaged less than seven and had remained stable since figures were first collected in 1975.

She said levels of distrust among children were being compounded by schools anti-bullying policies – which exaggerated such problems and made youngsters unnecessarily wary of their peers – and would lead ultimately to the breakdown of communities.

Clodagh Kennedy, a spokeswoman for the Children's Society, said society needed to provide children with safe and well-supervised areas to play outdoors. She said: "We need to pay attention to the dangers from adults, bigger kids and traffic to appease not only the parents' concerns but the children's as well."

But Diana McNeish, the principle research officer for Barnardo's, said such a strategy risked "ghettoising" youngsters. "Experimentation and adventure is part of growing up and you cannot get that from shoving children into nice, sterile environments where they are surrounded by adults," she said.

Devon teenagers in Hepatitis B scare

HUNDREDS OF teenagers received a warning letter yesterday following a sex scare after a woman living near their school was diagnosed with the Hepatitis B virus.

Health officials fear youngsters from Paignton Community College in Torbay, Devon, may have had sexual contact with the woman, who is in her early twenties.

A warning letter was sent to the parents of 700 pupils aged up to 16 on Friday after a meeting with college staff. The youngsters are also being offered immunisation against the potentially deadly liver disease.

Any pupils who have come into contact with the woman will be asked to take a blood test to see if they have contracted the virus. A helpline has also been set up for worried parents and teenagers.

Trevor Yates, the college principal, said: "We do not know there is a proven definite link but there is concern that there could be."

Hepatitis B is carried in blood and body fluids. It can leave sufferers with long-term liver damage, although most people make a full recovery and are left with a life-long immunity to the virus. It is usually transmitted through unprotected sex, needle sharing or using unsterilised tattooing or body piercing equipment. Pregnant mothers can also transmit it to their babies.

Boy, 13, detained for raping girl aged five

A TEENAGER who raped a five-year-old girl when he was aged 12 was yesterday sentenced to three years' detention.

The girl's uncle, who was also 12 at the time of the attack, was sentenced to 12 months' detention under the Children and Young Persons Act after admitting indecently assaulting her.

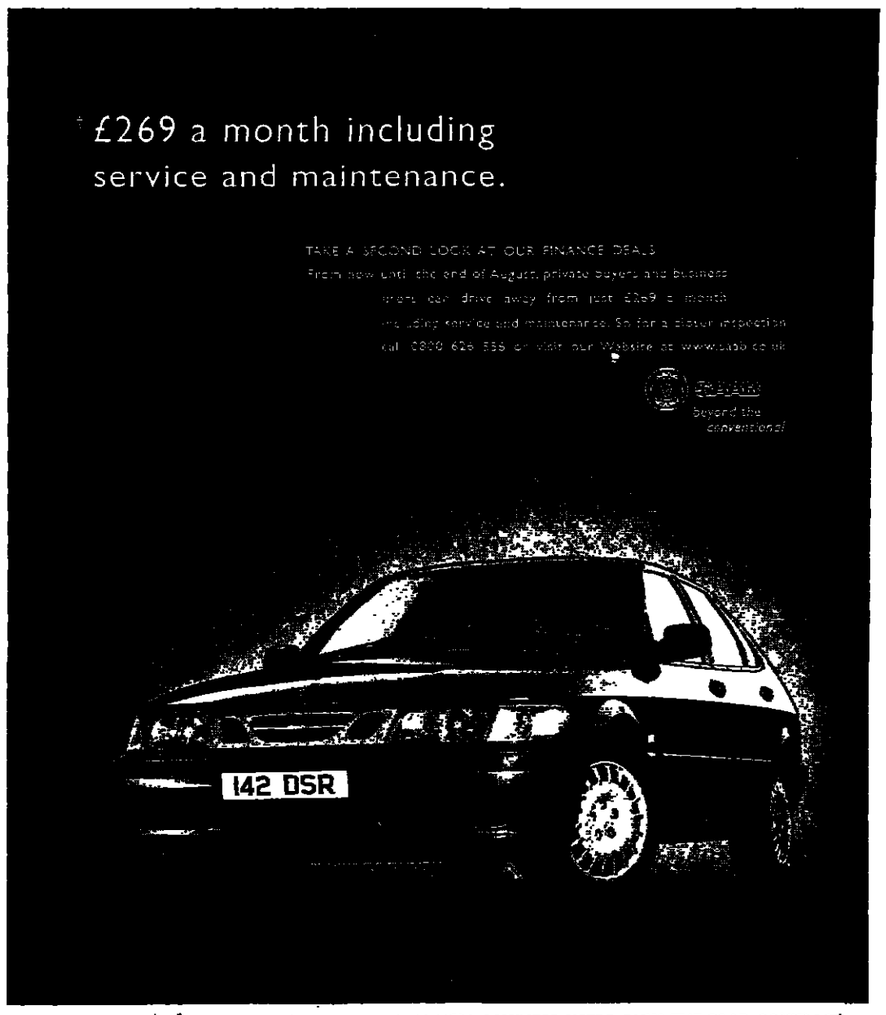
Judge Arthur Myerson QC, sitting at Leeds Crown Court, ordered that both boys, who are now 13, be placed on the sexual offenders register.

Sentencing the boy rapist – one of the youngest people to be convicted of the offence – Judge Myerson told him: "Such punishment should serve as a warning to other boys reaching puberty that little girls are not to be used for sexual purposes. Such behaviour goes far further than sexual experimentation that has got out of hand.

"She made such attempts to stop you as she could, bearing in mind her age and her slight build, but you took no notice."

He told both boys: "The most important person in this is your victim ... It's clear that, quite apart from the physical injuries and the pain which reduced her to tears, this girl has certainly suffered, not only physically but psychologically."

Sentencing had been adjourned from 29 May, when a jury convicted one boy of rape. The girl's uncle had admitted indecent assault and gave evidence for the prosecution.



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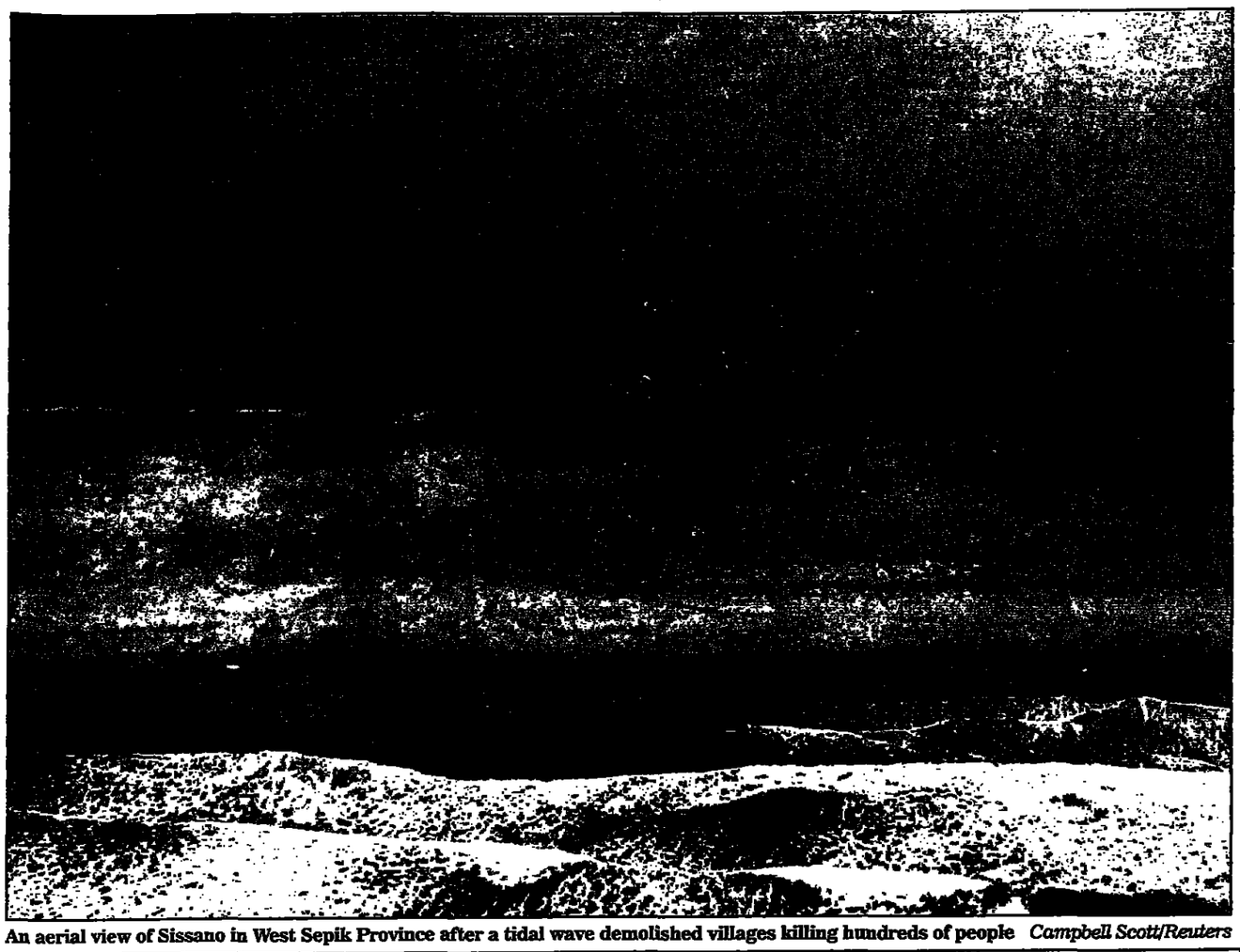
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Tidal wave of death may reach 3,000



An aerial view of Sissano in West Sepik Province after a tidal wave demolished villages killing hundreds of people *Campbell Scott/Reuters*

THE DEAD were still floating in the lagoons and mangrove swamps of the Bismark Sea along Papua New Guinea's north-west coast last night as fears increased that the toll from the tidal waves that hit the region four days ago could reach 3,000.

Although rescue workers had recovered 700 victims yesterday, most of whom were buried in the sand where they lay to avoid the spread of disease in the tropical heat, there were serious concerns that hundreds more villagers who are still unaccounted for could also be dead.

The most grim prediction came from John Tekwie, the provincial governor of the Sepik River district where three tidal waves struck last Friday night after an earthquake under the ocean a few kilometres offshore, registered at seven on the Richter scale. The waves are known as *tsunami*, a Japanese word meaning "harbour wave" and are caused by undersea disturbances.

Mr Tekwie, who visited the demolished villages, said: "I would give you a near-accurate estimate of 3,000 [dead]." He said he believed most of the people who fled into the jungle after the tidal wave were dead. "Many bodies are still stuck in the debris, within mangrove swamps and the lagoon itself, caught between debris from the buildings and coconut trees and all the trees thrown into the lagoon. It's so difficult at this stage."

Austen Crapp, an Australian Catholic priest from the village of Aitape, near where the waves struck, was slightly less pessimistic. He said that he and fellow rescuers believed that at least half the 6,000 people who

BY ROBERT MILLIKEN
in Sydney

lived along the coast had survived. "We thought the death toll might top 2,000 at the most," he said. "I hope 2,000 isn't correct. But I fear it might be."

Dickson Dalle, a Papua New Guinean disaster relief co-ordinator, said: "It's very difficult to identify the dead, because most of them are buried in mud and sand. Most have floated into the open sea. Those still in the lagoon are rotting away."

It now appears that the waves, about 10m high, hit with their greatest force at Sissano, a lagoon about 2km wide formed by an earthquake 88 years ago. The thin strip of sand that separates the lagoon from the ocean is where hundreds of villagers lived in wooden houses with roofs made from tin and jungle foliage and built on stilts to keep them above the ocean's tidal flows.

In the path of the tidal waves, which were as big as the tallest coconut trees fringing the coast, the houses were turned into matchwood, battered and sucked into the swirling ocean with their inhabitants.

At least seven villages, some perched on the side of the lagoon, were destroyed: Sissano, Teles, Arop, Ili, Warapu, Malol and Pera Nambis.

"Their houses were destroyed, their families were destroyed. They were just blown into the lagoon," said Robert Parer, an Australian plantation owner whose family have lived in the Sepik district for about 40 years.

For the survivors, most of whom are still too numbed and shocked to come to terms with the trauma, an international rescue effort was at last starting to bring some relief yesterday. The Australian air force landed three Hercules aircraft at Vanimo, a township about 100km west of Sissano.

The aircraft unloaded a field hospital, to which survivors were ferried in helicopters and in the backs of pick-up trucks over a rough coastal road that was reopened yesterday after being damaged by the tsunami. One of the helicopters was a Russian-built aircraft owned by a mining company in the Papua New Guinea central highlands, which sent it to the disaster zone laden with food and medicine. Two others belonged to the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, whose base is in Vanimo.

Six makeshift medical centres were operating between Vanimo and Aitape last night, trying to repair the bruised and broken bodies of survivors whose limbs were smashed by trees and wreckage hurled against them by the tsunami.

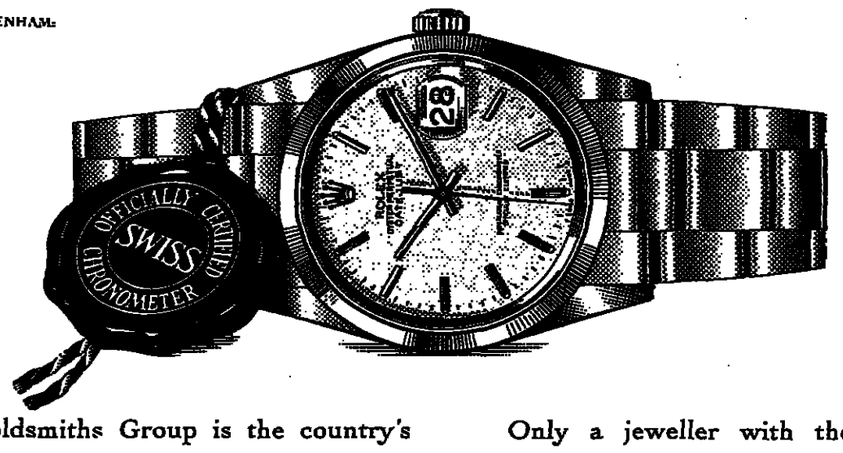
About 70 Australian soldiers distributed food, water and medical supplies and searched the jungle for survivors. The New Zealand defence force also sent two Hercules aircraft, and offers of help came from Japan and South Korea. But after the survivors have been treated, a monumental task awaits the authorities in building new homes for the thousands who have been left with nothing.

John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister, said: "I know that all Australians will feel for the people of Papua New Guinea in this appalling natural disaster. As a neighbour, close friend and helper we will do all we can."

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Millions stranded by rising Yangtze

THE RISING flood waters of the Yangtze river could threaten the Three Gorges Dam construction site if this year's torrential rains continue. A flood crest passed by the dam site on Friday evening with water flowing at a rate of 56,000 cubic metres per second, the highest level since the diversion of the Yangtze behind the newly built coffer dam last November.

All navigation along the Three Gorges Dam stretch of the river has now been suspended, with both the temporary water diversion channel and the shipping lock closed to vessels because of the strong water flow. More than 100,000 passengers from Yangtze ferry boats were stranded over the past week.

China's flood season still has some weeks to run, but already 1,000 people have been killed and about 7 million stranded. Sun Shaocheng, deputy director of the Department of Disaster and Social Relief, said this year's flooding was "unprecedentedly and unexpectedly severe".

The middle reaches of the 6,400-km Yangtze have seen

BY TERESA POOLE
in Peking

some of the highest water levels and, for the first time, China's hydro-engineers have the challenge of protecting the vast £17.5bn dam construction site from floods. "Crest may challenge coffer dam", was this weekend's unusually frank main *China Daily* headline.

Officials said Friday night's crest passed through the man-made channel without damage. But Ge Shouxi, chief engineer of the hydrological bureau of the Yangtze River Water Conservancy Commission, said: "Construction of the Three Gorges project would be suspended if water flows reach 65,000 cubic metres per second, the maximum flood peak the coffer dam of the Three Gorges project is able to bear." Water flow at the end of June was about 22,500 cubic metres per second.

The coffer dam, which spans the river upstream from the planned main dam wall, blocks the natural flow of the Yangtze and diverts the river through a new 3.5km man-made channel. It is this, and a temporary ship-lock, which have been closed to vessels.

The massive earthworks of the coffer dam seal off a dry area of river bed where the 175 metre-high main dam wall and the hydropower structures are now being built. Any flooding of the actual construction site would be highly disruptive. The dam is due to be completed in 2009.

If the heavy rains continue in the higher reaches of the Yangtze, the next flood crests could swell to even more powerful levels. Downstream from the dam site, the vulnerable region of Jiujiang, in Jiangxi province, is already experiencing record dangerous high-water levels, which are threatening the limits of the flood control works there. Some 300,000 local residents face evacuation if the level rises much higher.

Total economic losses in China from the floods so far this year are estimated at 85.6 billion yuan (£6.6 billion), and 9 million hectares of crop land will have their production cut by at least one third.

Talks resume in Middle East

BY PATRICK COCKBURN
in Jerusalem

ISRAELIS AND Palestinians have resumed talks for the first time in 16 months, as Israeli security tries to discover if Sunday's attempted car-bomb attack in Jerusalem is the beginning of a new suicide bombing campaign by Palestinian militants.

The Palestinians are only taking part in fresh talks at the urging of the United States.

After meeting with Abu Mazen, a senior lieutenant of the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Yitzhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence Minister, said: "There is still a lot of work to do. I don't want to create illusions."

When Mr Arafat was asked about the talks, he simply said: "Nothing."

Both sides in the talks want the US to blame the other for a break-down in peace negotiations.

Israel says it wants more security measures, which the Palestinians see as an excuse to procrastinate and renegotiate treaties that have already been signed.

Meanwhile, Israeli police are waiting to question Jalal Rahman Sirhan, who is still in hospital after an apparent premature explosion in a white van he was driving down Jaffa road in the centre of Jerusalem on Sunday morning.

He received burns over most of his body and it will be some days before police can ask him if he was a suicide bomber, acting on orders from Hamas, the Islamic militant organisation.

Mr Sirhan, 29, who has three children, lives in the al-Amri refugee camp north of Ramallah. He served 20 months in an Israeli prison after being convicted in 1990 of Hamas membership.

The van he was driving contained 600 litres of inflammable liquid, three gas canisters and dozens of kilos of nails, according to Israeli police.

At 8.15 on Sunday morning passers-by noticed a fire had started in the van, which was stopped at a traffic light near Zion Square in Jerusalem, and pulled Mr Sirhan free.

Volcano villagers return

BY IRWAN FIRDAUS

MORE THAN 3,000 villagers returned home yesterday when volcanic activity on Mount Merapi in Java subsided.

Four villages on the slopes of Indonesia's most active volcano had been evacuated on Sunday after the mountain threw up two huge clouds of hot gas, and lava and ash poured from the crater.

Volcanologists said activity within the 9,737-ft peak has been building for weeks. Despite the respite yesterday, they fear that a big eruption is still possible.

Merapi is in the middle of Central Java, one of the world's most densely populated regions.

"People have returned home but there is still some danger. So they are still on alert," Kandar, a civil defence, official said.

Merapi is the regarded as the most dangerous of Indonesia's 500 volcanoes. Its most destructive eruption this century was in 1930, when 1,300 people were killed.

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Politicians rush to court Hispanic vote



Pupils at Herbert Marcus Elementary School in Dallas make their daily pledge of allegiance to the flag in both English and Spanish *AP*

BY MARY DEJEVSKY
in Philadelphia

IT IS a cultural encounter that foreshadows the future of the United States – but white America is so far taking precious little notice. In its gleaming new convention centre, that sits right across from the restored Amish market, this quintessentially WASP city of William Penn is hosting upwards of 15,000 representatives of the National Council of La Raza, the country's biggest organisation of Hispanics.

The Hispanic delegates are conspicuous in a city centre that normally bustles with white and black. In the long corridors of the convention centre, there is a subdued air of Latin festivity and the quiet buzz of Spanish. From the mainstream US media, however, you would hardly know the Hispanics were around – a point that rankles with their leaders.

"Hispanics have been quietly advancing and earning a place in this country in a way that is not always understood in many of the cities of the nation. And Philadelphia, we are afraid, may well be one of them," said a bilingual editorial in Al Dia, one of the region's clutch of Spanish-language newspapers.

An article in *Hispanic* magazine put it more emotively: "We are, whether we like it or not, in the midst of the Hispanisation of America."

Hispanics are the USA's fastest-growing ethnic minority. Currently numbering around 30 million (11 per cent), they are expected to overtake the number of blacks within seven years. By the year 2050, and probably before, Hispanics will comprise more than 25 per cent of the US population. Their growth will be the main reason why, by then, white Americans will find themselves just another minority in the country they have regarded for more than two centuries as theirs.

The vast implications of this demographic shift have hardly begun to be addressed, though they lie at the heart of President Clinton's year-old initiative on race relations. Where the population at large fears to tread, however, business and politics are starting to venture.

The exhibition hall in the Philadelphia convention centre is crowded with exhibitors, more than 500 in all, from department store chains to car manufacturers, from community action groups to housing watchdogs, all courting the burgeoning Hispanic market.

The keynote speaker at lunch yesterday was the first lady, Hillary Clinton – or rather, Hillary Rodham Clinton, as she was introduced in the programme. Her brother is standing for political office in Florida, one of seven states where the Hispanic minority has electoral clout, so name recognition is a factor.

Another speaker is the mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, in what is billed his "first major address to a national Latino audience". Mayor Giuliani does not need their votes (he was re-elected by a landslide last year); the Republicans, on the other hand, do, as they look to autumn's mid-term congressional elections and the presidential race in the year 2000. Their standing has been severely harmed by California's anti-immigration measures, which led, according to a Republican consultant's report, to "the utter collapse of the Hispanic vote" in 1996.

In fact, both parties must consider one salient fact. As early as the next presidential election, the Hispanic constituency will be crucial. Texas and California, with 86 electoral college votes between them, are already 25 per cent Hispanic. Florida, Arizona, New Mexico, Illinois, New Jersey and New York also all have significant Hispanic minorities.

This explains why there is now a rush by both parties to have Hispanic representation on their presidential ticket in the year 2000. In recent elections, the question has been when or whether it would be politically decisive to have a black or a woman on the ticket. Now, there is speculation that Bill Richardson, a former Senator from New Mexico who is about to be made Energy Secretary, is being considered as a possible running mate for Al Gore in 2000. Richardson's mother is Mexican, and he is popular with Hispanic voters. George W Bush, son of the former president, now Governor of Texas and a likely Republican candidate, has benefited from having a Mexican sister-in-law.

Those who object that Hispanics cannot be treated as a homogenous ethnic minority, or even as a solid voting block, have a point. Those in California and Texas are mainly recent immigrants from Mexico and their families; their opposition to tougher restrictions on immigration and benefits has pushed them into the arms of the Democrats. In Florida, where the bias is towards Cuban exiles with strong anti-Castro sentiments, the vote has been Republican.

At the La Raza convention this week, Hispanics are going out of their way to present themselves as responsible and successful Americans, as a minority that has the highest male employment rate and some of the best health indicators of any in the US.

But the effect on the monolingual mainstream of a large minority that speaks a different language has yet to be gauged. In California and Texas, it has already caused a lot of tension; and the ethnic mix in those states today is that of America in 50 years' time.

LA pays price of turning valley lake into a dustbowl

BY ANDREW GUMBEL
in Los Angeles

FOR 85 YEARS, the Owens Valley in central California has been sucked dry by the city of Los Angeles, its natural spring and lake water diverted to feed the sinks, Jacuzzis and lawn-sprinklers of the ever-expanding metropolis 250 miles to the south.

Now, after years of recrimination and threats of legal action, Los Angeles has at last agreed to take responsibility for some of the environmental havoc it has wreaked.

Under pressure from new federal air-pollution legislation, the city has promised to treat the dustbowl – once a lake – at the heart of Owens Valley with a mixture of water, vegetation and gravel in an effort to curb the worst source of particle air pollution in the United States.

Under an agreement reached between the two sides last week, 22.5 miles of the lake bed will be treated by 2006, at an estimated cost of $120m (£73m). The city will continue to treat further stretches of the lake after that until air quality meets standards set down in the federal Clean Air Act.

The water of Owens Valley was the key to the massive expansion of Los Angeles in the first few decades of this century, and – as Roman Polanski and Robert Towne evoked in their acclaimed film noir *Chinatown* – also a symbol of the bad faith, big business interests and corruption that has accompanied the uncontrolled sprawl of America's biggest and wildest metropolis.

The farmers of Owens Valley sold their land in 1913 to a group of businessmen posing as cattle ranchers who in fact were acting as agents for the city of Los Angeles. The locals were thus cheated not only of their water and their livelihoods, but also of the compensation to which they might have been entitled if the city authorities had approached them directly.

While the new water source paved the way for the settlement of the San Fernando Valley immediately north of Los Angeles – making a handful of property speculators very rich into the bargain – the Owens Valley economy descended into a slump from which it has never recovered.

For decades, Owens Valley has been prone to storms of white dust containing arsenic and numerous toxic metals that cause heart and lung ailments in the local population. The battle to force Los Angeles to take responsibility for the disaster has been waged in earnest for 20 years.

The deal is the latest, and arguably the most important, of a series of concessions the city has made over its water supply. Interest groups at Mono Lake, 50 miles further north, prised similar concessions from Los Angeles a few years ago, but only after protracted legal action.

Under the new deal, Los Angeles stands to lose about 40,000 acres of water per year, enough to service 80,000 households. But by settling the issue now it averts the risk of a the far deeper and more costly commitment to environmental clean-up, as initially demanded by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, representing the interests of Owens Valley.

Cadillac king to brighten up town with his DIY rainbows

BY ANDREW MARSHALL
in Amarillo

THE SPIRIT of the folly lives and prospers in Amarillo, Texas. The billionaire who put up the Cadillac Ranch - 10 classic cars half-buried in a field by the roadside - is planning a new spectacular on the other side of town.

Stanley Marsh 3 earned a place in the annals of artistic and architectural history with the Cadillacs, a landmark on what used to be Route 66 just outside the small Texan Panhandle city. The cars trace the history of the Cadillac, with each sporting a different set of tail-fins showing the evolution of the marque. They have been widely used in advertising, but Mr Marsh's intention was to brighten up a stretch of road in the High Plains that is otherwise featureless and entertain travellers. The monument to America's automotive heritage, a kind of Car-henge, was put up in 1973, and has had to be moved farther out of town as Amarillo has extended.

Now he plans to put up another monument on Amarillo's east side, and this time the motif is rainbows. "We were driving on the east side of town looking at some horses, and he started to talk about it," said Jackie Anderson, one of Mr Marsh's colleagues. "You never know what makes him come up with this sort of idea."

Mr Marsh simply said that "We need to get some colour up there in the sky."

An Amarillo construction company, Kelly Wood, has been working on designs for the project, and has just produced its first ideas. The finished product would be 60 feet high, as large as a six-storey building. "Texas size," says Casey Wood, of the construction company.



Stanley Marsh 3, creator of the Cadillac Ranch

It will use water jets and a mixture of natural and artificial light to refract rainbows that are visible to travellers on the main east-west road through the city. Asked whether the project would need city permission, the Mayor of Amarillo, Kel Seliger, said: "There aren't really any zoning rules in Texas that apply to rainbows."

Mr Marsh, who inherited an oil and gas fortune from his parents, has little need to worry about money. He calls himself Stanley Marsh 3 rather than III because he considers Roman numerals too pretentious. He has said he wants to "encourage art for art's sake and use it to fight back the ever-rising flood of Philistinism."

The Cadillacs and the rainbows are intended to take art out of museums into the country. "My Daddy was rich, my Momma was good-looking and my wife's family owns a 200-square-mile ranch. So these are my toys," he says of his collection, which includes a vast pool table made by Claes Oldenburg.

Elite car workers ready to strike

BY MARY DEJEVSKY
in Washington

WORKERS AT the Saturn car plant in Tennessee, who are considered the elite of US car workers, have voted by an overwhelming 96 per cent to strike in support of their colleagues at General Motors.

Saturn, although a division of GM, is run as a virtually independent corporation and prides itself on its enlightened labour relations policy. It pioneered the principle of team production in the US. The vote authorises a strike to be called within five days, allowing an interval for last-minute negotiations. Failing that, a Saturn walk-out will add another 7,000 to the 186,000 GM workers already idle. The company has lost more than $1.2bn since the strikes – over casual work and conditions – began six weeks ago.

While partly a gesture of solidarity, the strike vote at Saturn is also indicative of deteriorating management-worker relations. The company pays less than other GM plants, but offers bonuses for meeting production targets.

Last year, demand for Saturn's saloon cars fell as buyers shifted to bigger four-wheel-drive cars. The bonus was thus far lower, and Saturn workers for the first time ended the year worse off than their GM counterparts elsewhere. Now, workers are complaining that they qualified for a $1,400 bonus for the second quarter, but that management has offered less than $400 dollars.

US nuclear fuel shipments arrive

BY ANDREW MARSHALL
in Washington

ONE OF the United States' most deadly exports is on its way home today: a batch of nuclear fuel rods which the US had sent to Korea and Indonesia. Local environmental groups have reacted with alarm, and will meet the ship carrying the fuel with protests.

The shipment was part of the Fifties Atoms for Peace scheme, under which the US sent enriched uranium to allied nations to dissuade them from embarking on their own nuclear programmes. But in the last few years, concerned that the spent fuel might be seized by terrorists, the US has decided to reimport it and put it into storage in a series of shipments that will continue until 2009. The first batch is expected to arrive today at the Concord Naval Weapons facility in California, on its way to the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

There has been intensive preparation, with more than 2,000 personnel trained in emergency radiological procedures. But environmental groups are concerned about the safety of the rods as they transit California, Nevada, Utah, and Idaho. Anti-nuclear groups have said that they will not try to block the train, but they will line the railway tracks to protest. "We're not going to compromise our integrity in a vain attempt to stop a shipment we cannot stop," said Bob Mannaberg of the group Groundswell.

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Greek Panayiota Paviou Solomou holds photographs of her son, husband and 12 other relatives who were detained by Turkish troops at the time of the invasion of Cyprus and have not been seen since. Turks have been celebrating the 24th anniversary of their invasion *Philip Mark/AP*

Serbs take hold in chaos of Kosovo

BY RUPERT CORNWELL

AS FIGHTING raged across Kosovo yesterday, Serb forces claimed to have regained full control of Orahovac, 40 miles south-west of the provincial capital Pristina – thus denying ethnic Albanian rebels what would have been their biggest prize of the five-month war.

Sporadic gunfire was still to be heard around Orahovac and roadblocks sealed off the town, whose normal population is 20,000, from the outside world. But guerrillas in the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) said the Serbs were now using artillery to quell the fighting.

It is beyond doubt that the battles of the last few days in Orahovac and elsewhere have been among the fiercest since February. Serbian forces killed 90 KLA fighters, while some 40 Serbian troops have been taken prisoner. There have also been reports of summary executions of ethnic Albanians by security forces. If so, the death toll since February will be more than 400 – and the military escalation shows every sign continuing.

In the past week, tens of thousands of new refugees have fled to the neighbouring Yugoslav republic of Montenegro. New Serb detachments – including 50 armoured vehicles this weekend alone, according to one Belgrade daily – are being despatched to Kosovo. For their part, the rebels are now threatening to deploy heavier weapons. Indeed, one KLA commander spoke of a "new type of war, which will end up in Pristina".

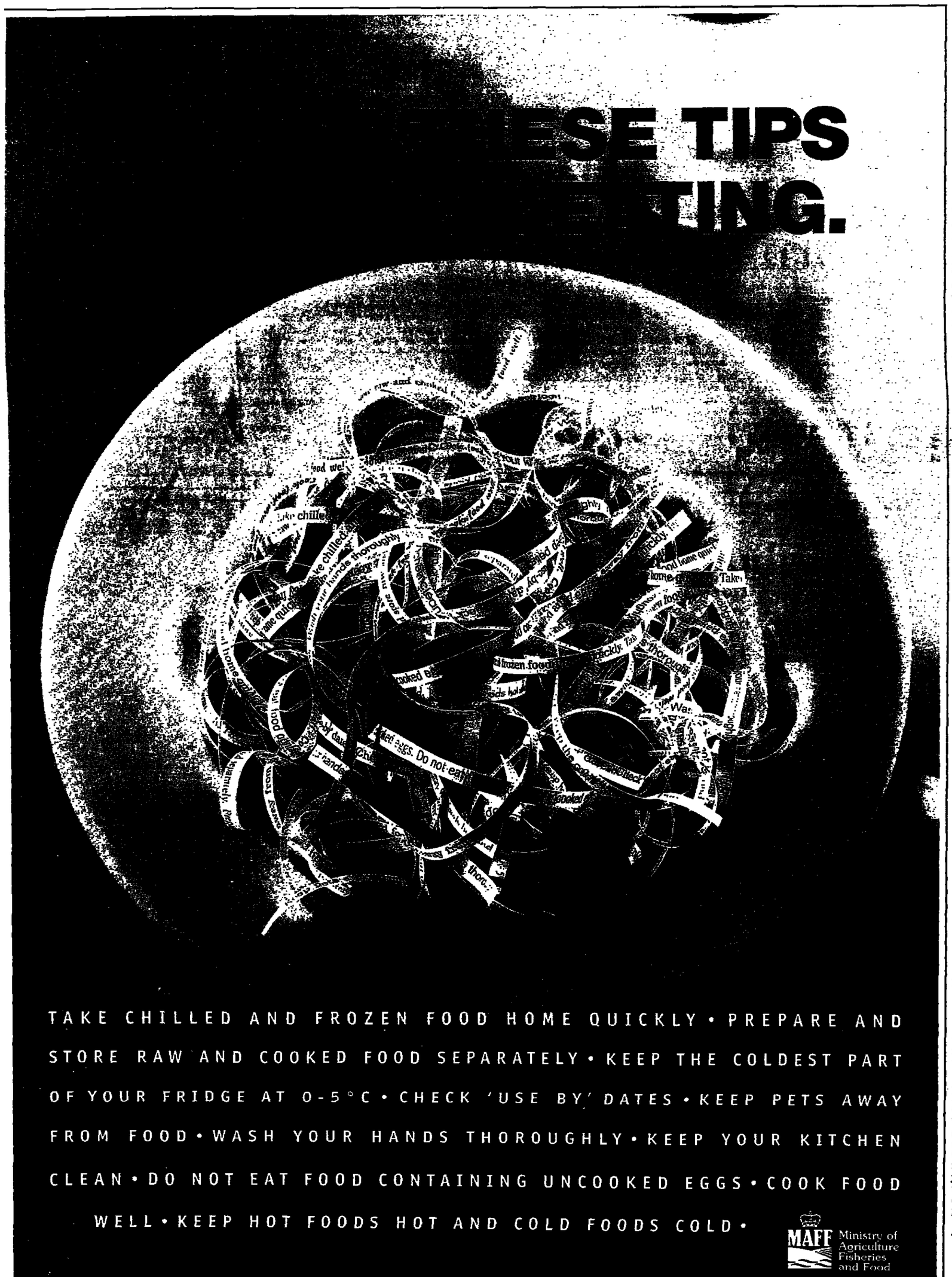
Most alarming of all for the Western powers, the nightmare possibility of a war spilling over beyond the borders of Yugoslavia seems to be moving closer. Serb authorities claimed 16 "foreigners" were among the Albanians involved in the clashes at the weekend – five of them from Macedonia, a quarter of whose population is of Albanian extraction. It was unclear how many had been killed or captured.

As for the diplomatic exchanges between Belgrade and Tirana, these are starting to sound like the verbal prelude to war. Albania accuses the Yugoslav forces of "barbarian acts" in firing two mortar shells into its territory. Belgrade retorts that the government in Tirana, by allowing weapons and men across its frontier to join the KLA, was tolerating "terrorist activities" and "grave violations of the state border".

All of which makes the international peace-making effort more urgent, yet more difficult, by the day. It also further reduces the room for manoeuvre of Ibrahim Rugova, the Albanian political leader who advocates a non-violent solution to the crisis, but whose prestige has been sapped by the battlefield successes of the KLA.

Greece, which has enjoyed reasonable relations with Albania and is traditionally close to the orthodox Serbia, again offered its services as a mediator yesterday; but perhaps the most hopeful longer-term development came from the Hague, where Serbian politicians opposed to President Slobodan Milosevic met Robert Gelbard, the chief US envoy to the Balkans.

The discussions, according to Mr Gelbard, focused less on the crisis in Kosovo than the political and economic dead end Serbia had reached under Mr Milosevic. A way out will not be found overnight, but for the first time in 18 months his opponents are making common cause against him.



The many faces of an oil supremo

BY RUPERT CORNWELL

THE PAST, they say, is another country. And in the case of Heydar Aliyev it is, literally.

I last set eyes on him in Moscow 11 years ago, full member of the Politburo and master of the bleak and crumbling Soviet universe. Fast forward to July 1998. The setting has moved from Red Square to Claridge's in Mayfair. It is the same Aliyev. Only this time he is President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and, as leader of one of the great emerging oil powers, the honoured guest of Her Majesty's government.

Some things of course have not changed. He still wears the quietly self-satisfied look and the dark blue suit beloved by pillars of the old Communist *nomenklatura*. He still answers questions in the rolling, circuitous fashion they taught at district committee meetings of the CPSU. And just as a party boss once did, he comes complete with a retinue of courtiers, hanging on his every word.

But his hosts will be listening no less attentively. Mr Aliyev is here this week talking the geo-politics of ever unstable Transcaucasia. He will offer a neighbour's practised judgement on the crisis in Russia. He will seek support in Azerbaijan's decade-old conflict with Armenia over the enclave of Nagorny Karabakh. Above all, though, he will be talking oil; of plans, pipelines, and, most immediately, three contracts due for signature this week with BP, Ramco and Monument Oil and Gas, worth more than $5bn (£3.1bn).

Successively KGB general and ruthless political enforcer, then party boss, then apostate of Communism and Azeri patriot, at 75 Aliyev has donned yet another mantle, of elder statesman and potentate of the international energy market.

The earlier incarnations have either been expunged or rewritten. Not a word do you hear of Aliyev's flattery of Brezhnev – the speech in which he mentioned Leonid Ilyich's name 100 times; the gift of a jewel consisting of a single large diamond representing Brezhnev, surrounded by 15 far smaller ones denoting the 15 constituent republics of the Soviet Union; the palace he built in Baku solely to house Brezhnev during a two-day visit.

But wasn't Aliyev kicked out of the Politburo in October 1987, because he epitomised the corruption and "old thinking" of which Gorbachev sought to purge the party? Well, not exactly, it seems. He "resigned" because he believed the party's nationalities policy was "unjust". Even in the good times of the mid-Eighties, during May day and October Revolution parades when he took the salute on Lenin's mausoleum, "I dreamt of an independent Azerbaijan ... my main purpose as a top official in Moscow was to serve my people."

But whether cowed Soviet republic or modern oil state, Azerbaijan was and is Aliyev's fiefdom. Yes, there are Presidential elections this autumn, five years after he took power "to fill a political vacuum" (less squeamish souls prefer to call it a coup). Their result, he says, "depends not on me, but on the electorate, the voters". He is too modest.

In case extra insurance were needed, rivals like Abulfaz Elchibey, the former President whom Aliyev replaced in 1993, are under criminal investigation, while human rights groups complain of the "treason trials" faced by his personal enemies, his repression of free speech, and the brutal treatment of political prisoners.



Heydar Aliyev: From the KGB to Claridge's

November's victor is not in doubt. "But who knows," one Western diplomat in Baku muses. "Even if he wins 90 per cent of the vote, that might not be far off the truth."

For whatever Aliyev's sins, he is an operator. Unlike his neighbours, he has managed to rid his country of the Russian military. "Armenia and Georgia both have Russian troops on their territory, but this only lessens their independence. Moscow proposed they send troops to Azerbaijan as well, to help guard our borders. But we said no. That's why they're unhappy with me in Russia."

Not that he wants a specific security pact with the West to balance Moscow's influence, even though he is keen on greater co-operation with Nato under its Partnership for Peace programme. "If I criticise Armenia for its alliance with Russia," he points out, "then I shouldn't get into alliances myself." But his real calculation is more subtle: the closer the economic and political ties with the West, the safer he will be. And that, apart from the oil contracts of course, is why he's in London.

JACQUELINE LAING

"We risk becoming a society which caters to the manufacturing zeal of the new biotechnocrats"

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Police interrogate leader of Belgian anti-porn group

BY CAROLINE JACOBS

A MEMBER of the Morkhoven Belgian anti-pornography group, which tipped off Dutch police about an international child-pornography network, is being questioned for a second time, Belgian police said.

Earlier yesterday Marcel Vervloesem, a member of the group, said it would not hand over crucial evidence to the authorities after Belgian and Dutch police raided its headquarters on Sunday and questioned him.

A spokesman for the national gendarmerie in Turnhout said: "He is being questioned at the moment." He would not confirm or deny reports that Dutch police were negotiating with the group to obtain the material on a voluntary basis. Rather than handing evidence to the Dutch police, the Morkhoven group, based in Antwerp, plans to make pornographic computer images and lists of alleged paedophiles' names and addresses available to human-rights organisations. "We are launching a counter-attack," Mr Vervloesem said. "Through human-rights organisations in several European cities ... we will give free the identities of people involved." The group said it was in touch with several rights groups but declined to elaborate. The raids on the Morkhoven headquarters and Mr Vervloesem's house came after the group on Saturday withdrew an earlier offer to hand over dossiers giving names of people who allegedly accessed the pornographic images via computer.

Morkhoven found the lists of names in a flat in the Dutch coastal town of Zandvoort and tipped off the Dutch police. But the offer was withdrawn after the anti-porn group's reputation had been called into question. "They have been at my house and in the [Antwerp] office [with the the Morkhoven chairman, Jan Boeykens] ... looking for pornographic material," Mr Vervloesem said.

"They searched the homes but found nothing." Mr Vervloesem said he and Mr Boeykens were questioned by Belgian police late into Sunday night. Police took away a computer, which was returned after an hour. "We took precautionary measures and brought the evidence [in the pornography inquiry] to a safe place," he said.

Dutch police, who last week launched an investigation into the suspected international child-abuse ring, were expected to return to Antwerp to ask the Morkhoven group to accompany them to the Netherlands. "We will not meet their request," Mr Vervloesem said.

Morkhoven is well-known in Belgium for its campaign to expose child pornographers, but has been criticised for aggressive tactics. It claims to have thousands of photos showing children as young as 18 months being raped and hundreds of names and addresses in various countries of suspected users and those involved in taking the pictures.

Pakistan: Factional killings and looming economic meltdown combine to bring the spectre of civil disaster

Karachi gripped by gang warfare

BY PETER POPHAM
in Islamabad

KARACHI IS Pakistan's biggest city, its only port and its commercial and industrial hub. It used to be the capital, too. Yet it has become apparent this summer how prescient Pakistan's politicians were when in 1963 they moved en masse to the new garden capital of Islamabad, as Karachi has disappeared once again beneath a haze of gunsmoke.

More than 230 people have been killed in the city since the last week of May in factional butchery between rival gangs of *mohajir*, Muslims who migrated from India to Pakistan at the time of partition and who are now the city's largest ethnic group. Violence has erupted often in the city in the past 50 years, but this outbreak is said to be the most brutal.

Karachi's problems began with the arrival, after the bloodletting of partition, of hundreds of thousands of Muslim refugees from India (*mohajir* means "refugee"). They started to fight the city's traditionally dominant group, the Sindhis, for jobs and political control. A cycle of violence began and has never really stopped.

Today, however, the main antagonists are all *mohajir*: their main political force, called MQM – Mohajir Qaumi Movement – locked in combat with a breakaway faction of the same, MQM-Haqiqi. A third breakaway group, called BACK (Basic Association for the Citizens of Karachi), has entered the fray in the past month, led by a man who used to be known as the MQM's "killing machine".

Many of the recent killings have come in hit-and-run attacks, but when one side or another takes enemies prisoner, they murder them with the utmost cruelty. Each faction has set up "slaughterhouses" where enemies are systematically tortured to death: bones broken, jaws dislocated, tongues cut off, eyes gouged out. The mutilated corpses are stuffed into sacks or plastic bags and left on rubbish dumps. The aim of the torture is not to elicit information but to instil terror, and put a "signature" on the killings.

For Karachi, the year of living peacefully (by Karachi's standards) is well and truly over. Murders of this sort had been a daily occurrence during Benazir Bhutto's last period as prime minister, and were often interpreted as a reaction by *mohajir* against Sindhi central rule (the Bhuttos and most supporters of their party, the Pakistan People's Party, are from the Sindh region).

With Ms Bhutto's removal in November 1996, however, the main cause of *mohajir* fury seemed to have gone, and the city returned to something like peace. Last October, Karachi was considered safe enough for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to visit during their subcontinental tour, albeit at speed and mostly inside a bullet-proof Range Rover.

The calm held for the first half of this year, with the exception of occasional bloody incidents. Then at the end of May, just before Pakistan conducted its nuclear tests, a senior figure in the Haqiqi faction was shot dead, and the city was soon back to "normal".

What are the authorities doing about it? A heavily armed force known as the Rangers mans dozens of checkpoints around the city, with the guards hauling in hundreds of suspects for interrogation. But the chief minister of Sindh, Liaquat Jatoi, is widely written off as ineffective, and there is a danger that Karachi's present violence could degenerate into something far worse.

The original political force of the *mohajir*, MQM, has been brought into the government; its rivals, meanwhile, are believed by some local experts to be armed and sponsored by Pakistani intelligence outfits, who use them as proxy forces to prevent MQM taking over the city.

The Rangers and the militants, meanwhile, stand eyeball to eyeball. The Rangers have so far done little beyond arresting people but, if they got the order to raise the stakes, the precedent is there. In 1995, when Ms Bhutto clamped down on the city, hundreds of suspected militants were killed by the authorities in extrajudicial executions.

The fear often expressed by Pakistani commentators is that one day, buckling under the stress of endless bloodshed and mayhem, Karachi will turn into another Beirut or Sarajevo. At present it resembles neither of those cities. For all the terrible deeds and frightening statistics, these are largely outlaws murdering outlaws in the grungy districts of an enormous and still dynamic, bustling and modern metropolis.

But worse problems loom. In recent weeks, half a dozen international airlines, including British Airways, have announced that they are pulling out of the city. Pakistan as a whole faces economic meltdown, its fragile economy about to be tested to destruction by economic sanctions incurred by the nuclear tests. City-wide strikes in Karachi, imposed by the militants to mourn their dead, freeze the city's business life and add their bit of dole to the nation's woes.

But when the real bad news arrives for Pakistan, Karachi will be square in the line of fire. Gangland feuds could then blur into civil war.



A Pakistani trader chants slogans during a protest march in Karachi yesterday against the imposition of a General Sales Tax, which was introduced by the Sharif government effective from 1 July
Zahid Hussein/Reuters

'Our country needs a fairy godmother to pay its debts'

BY JASON BURKE
in Islamabad

SIX WEEKS ago the people of Pakistan thronged the streets of big cities, handing out sweets to celebrate the nuclear tests that they felt had catapulted their nation into the front rank of global powers.

Now, even before the sanctions imposed by the West take effect, the country is facing its worst economic crisis and the government is more unpopular than ever.

Faced with a critical lack of foreign exchange and massive debt repayments due by the end of the month, Sartaj Aziz, Pakistan's Finance Minister, has said that a default on all or part of the country's £20bndebt is likely unless a bail-out can be arranged.

Pakistan's foreign currency reserves leave Mr Aziz with a hard choice. If he uses them to pay off the debt instalments the country will be left with no money to buy vital imports such as oil. If he defaults, long-term consequences could be catastrophic. The euphoria which greeted the tests at the end of May has evaporated. The Pakistani rupee has fallen steadily and the stock market index has dropped to about a third of its pre-nuclear test level. Remittances from workers overseas, traditionally a key source of foreign exchange, have almost stopped.

Instead, tens of thousands of ordinary Pakistanis have withdrawn their savings to buy dollars on the black market as insurance against further falls in the value of the rupee.

Millions of dollars have been sent out of the country through underground banking systems despite pleas from the government to invest in so-called self-sufficiency funds.

Last week banks were mobbed and safe deposit boxes seized after rumours of a devaluation. Foreign currency accounts have been frozen.

"The feeling is that this is a moment of silence before the execution. Unless a fairy godmother turns up we simply do not have the money to pay our debts," said one stockbroker in Karachi. Mian Shaukat Massood, atextile importer and currency trader, said he felt everything was falling apart: "Systems are breaking down. Soon prices will start going up, the market will panic and a political crisis will follow the economic crash."

The Pakistani government has been relying on the International Monetary Fund to release more than £140m in loans to help. But the United States and Britain are likely to use their influence to block the loan, part of a billion-pound aid package, in an attempt to force Pakistan to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and restrict its nuclear programme.

However, Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, said that the "hard-working and brave people of Pakistan ... will not submit to any coercion or pressure".

Strobe Talbott, the US Deputy Secretary of State, is due to visit Pakistan today in an attempt to persuade Mr Sharif to change his mind.Pakistan has tried to raise the funds from friendly Muslim countries.

A series of frantic missions by ministers to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Malaysia has failed so far to provide anything morethan offers of cheap financing for oil, commodity exchanges and an increase in credit from the Islamic Development bank.

In the past the Saudis have frequently provided Pakistan with huge loans, but only, according to a government source, on condition that the pace of Islamisation in Pakistan is stepped up, a development the US would be keen to prevent.

"The Saudis use their money as a foreign policy instrument ... any money has plenty of strings attached," the source said.

For their part, Government officials are insisting that any crisis is just the idea of a hysterical media."The only difficulty is that in the past we have relied on the IMF to help us out and that is now a bit uncertain," one government economist said. But others fear the worst and point out that the post-test sanctions have yet to bite.

Clean-up casts out 'untidy' Lydia

STREET LIFE
SAMOTECHNY LANE, MOSCOW

THIS EPISODE of *Samotechny Lane* has a terrible Russian inevitability about it. I had hoped to give Lydia Ivanovna a rest, for a successful soap opera should have a wide cast of characters, and no news about my local bag lady, featured three weeks ago, would have been good news. But when I warned you how her newfound comfort in a disused workman's hut could be threatened by the social clean-up for the World Youth Games, it was not without reason that I told you to watch this space.

Indeed, everything happened according to a predictable old script written way back in Soviet times. The Asian and Caucasian street traders had already been put on trains back to their republics so they would not make Moscow look "dirty" while the foreign athletes were in town. Lydia, 60, a former physiotherapist tricked out of her flat by real-estate sharks, looked as if she might be allowed to stay on in her hut on a piece of waste ground that she was transforming into a garden. But no.

Last Monday, just hours before the junior Olympics opened with pomp and circumstance in a different district of the city, this most respectable of Muscovites was dragged from her home and caged like an animal because she upset mayor Yuri Luzhkov's ideas of tidiness.

All countries have homeless people. In New York and London, they doss in cardboard boxes and beg for the price of a cuppa. Homelessness is, or should be, a source of shame to us all. But only the Russian language has the word "*pokazukha*", which means "show for the benefit of outsiders". Acting on this principle, the mayor has swept all "social undesirables" out of sight for the duration of the games.

Lydia's good relations with the police – she used to wash their patrol cars and thereby make an honest living of up to £12 a day – could not help her, but naively she put her faith in the Western press. After she was arrested, she rang to say she was being held at police station number 64 and begged me to help her.

I found her sitting quietly in the police station cage. She was dressed in her best red skirt and had put some lipstick on to cheer herself up.

"Why are you holding her?" I asked the duty sergeant. He replied with his eyes: "We both know this is absurd and cruel but I have a job to do."

In many countries, those carrying out orders will say it is "more than their job's worth" to use their initiative. But, owing to the fear of authority that is the legacy of Soviet times, it is especially hopeless to expect reason from most Russians, however fair-minded they normally are, once they have received a stupid order from on high.

The only hope for Lydia was that the station chief, Lieutenant-Colonel Konstantin Golyshev, might have the authority to show a little more flexibility. What a small world this is. While I sat in the corridor waiting to speak to him, a detective led a boy I recognised as Lyosha, my neighbour's car-thieving son, down to the cells. Another jail sentence for him then, probably.

Finally, Lt-Col Golyshev received me. Lydia Ivanovna had been arrested, he said, because there was a "danger her dogs might bite children". "You mean the young athletes?" I asked, and he smiled but persisted. Lydia "ought to live like a decent human being in a flat". Since she "failed" to do this, she would be taken away to a special reception centre where "competent organs" would sort out her problems.

Off the record, I was told this was not really true, of course. She was being swept out of sight until the games were over, when the problem of homelessness would be with us just as before.

Lydia had told me she did not mind leaving Moscow. "If the mayor thinks I lower the tone, I will go. I am willing to work on a collective farm. But what about my hut and my things?"

On Lydia's behalf, I asked Lt-Col Golyshev if he could at least make sure she had something to come back to after the games. And here he made the only concession in his limited power. He gave permission for her to return briefly to the hut to pack her most valuable belongings.

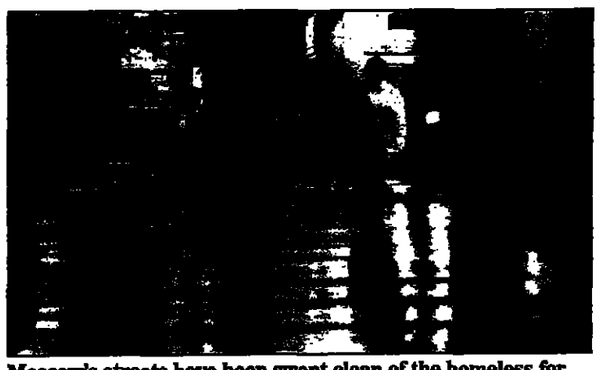
She chose to take a large Communist victory sign that had decorated her garden, as well as two suitcases. But the police could give no guarantee that her hut would be safe in her absence, and she had to release her four dogs, companions that never bit anyone, on to the street.

"My babies, my babies," she cried. "It would be easier for me now if I was alone with nothing in the world."

Her home-making instinct, which had made her a bourgeois among tramps, only increased her pain in this crisis, when what she needed was to be the classic wanderer, free from possessions and responsibilities.

Lydia howled as she was put back into the cage to await transportation to the reception centre. She had placed too much hope in my ability to get her released. All I could do was observe, and I am afraid she came to see me, the journalist, as just another cog in the repressive machine bearing down on her.

HELEN WOMACK



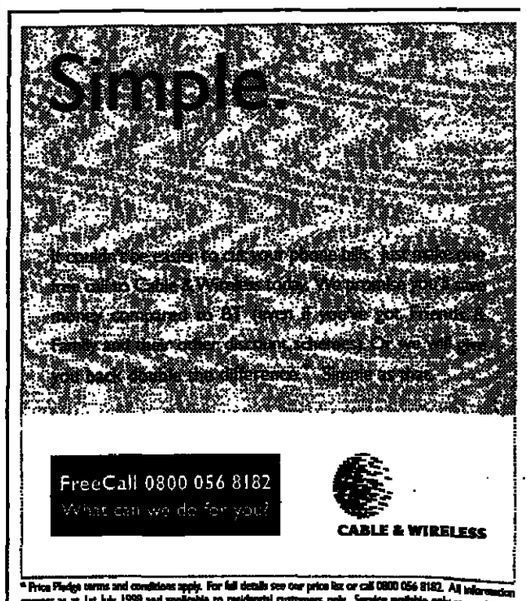
Moscow's streets have been swept clean of the homeless for the World Youth Games

Nigerian amnesty

NIGERIA'S NEW military ruler yesterday pardoned 10 prisoners sentenced in connection with a 1995 coup plot, amid expectations that he would shortly unveil his plan to bring democracy to Africa's most populous nation.

General Abdulsalam Abubakar ordered the 10, including three journalists and a well-known human rights activist, to be freed immediately.

The journalists, Ben Charles Obi, George Mba and Kule Ajibade, and rights activist Shehu Musua, were serving 15-year prison terms in connection with the alleged coup, which is widely believed to have been invented by the government of Nigeria's late dictator, General Sani Abacha, to lock up his critics. AP



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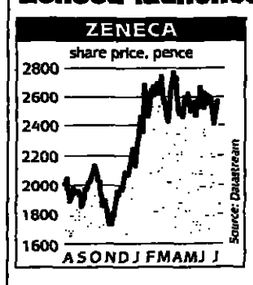
BRIEFING

Shire ahead on Alzheimer's hopes

SHARES IN Shire Pharmaceuticals jumped 10 per cent yesterday after the biotechnology group reported that its Alzheimer's disease drug had shown positive results in clinical trials.

Shire shares closed at 540.5, up 53p, as it reported that US trials of the drug, galantamine, slowed down and sometimes even improved memory and learning ability in Alzheimer's sufferers. Analysts said the drug, which Shire is developing in co-operation with Johnson & Johnson, the US pharmaceuticals giant, was the most important in the UK group's portfolio. The company is expected to file for regulatory approval for the drug in the UK and possibly the US before the end of the year.

Zeneca launches asthma tablet



THE PHARMACEUTICAL giant Zeneca yesterday officially launched a new *tablet that could replace* inhalers used by some of Britain's three million asthma sufferers. The group said its new Accolate anti-asthma tablet was the first new treatment of its kind in the UK and the first alternative to inhaled steroids for 20 years.

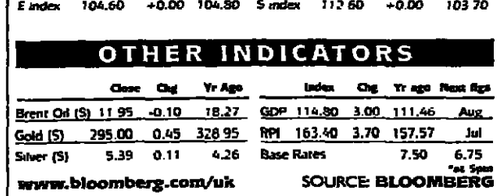
Accolate is one of a new class of drugs known as LTRAs, which block the effects that trigger inflammation and mucus secretion and cause constriction in the lungs leading to an asthma attack. Around three million people are affected with asthma in the UK, including 750,000 schoolchildren, and it is estimated that more than 100 million people worldwide suffer from the chronic lung disease.

Zeneca said Accolate would play a significant role in the international market for anti-asthma medicines, worth an estimated £4bn. Shares in Zeneca closed down 3p at 2557p.

Save As You Earn bonus cut

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of employees will bear the brunt of a Treasury cut to Save As You Earn schemes announced yesterday. Savers, who had enjoyed a guaranteed bonus of 5.87 per cent a year on the tax-free schemes, will now get 4.52 per cent. The scnemes give employees a share option at a 20 per cent discount to the market price which can be exercised when they have saved for a set number of years. An employee who saved £100 a month for seven years under current schemes can expect a bonus of £1,800. Under new schemes, the bonus would be £1,350.

STOCK MARKETS

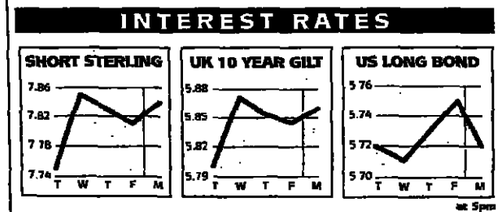


Dow Jones index and graph at 5pm

INDICES

Index	Close	Change	Change(%)	52 wk high	52 wk low	Yield(%)
FTSE 100	6179.00	5.00	0.08	6180.40	4382.80	3.65
FTSE 250	5709.20	5.50	0.10	5970.90	4428.30	3.46
FTSE 350	2967.60	2.50	0.08	2967.00	2141.80	3.61
FTSE All Share	2885.17	2.44	0.09	2884.07	2106.59	3.61
FTSE SmallCap	2592.00	2.60	0.10	2793.80	2182.10	3.24
FTSE Fledgling	1421.50	4.70	0.33	1517.10	1225.20	3.37
FTSE AIM	1095.00	6.30	0.58	1146.90	965.90	1.18
FTSE EBLOC 100	1129.39	7.73	0.69	...	...	...
Dow Jones	9332.05	-5.41	-0.06	9354.71	6971.32	1.57
Nikkei	16570.78	-161.14	-0.96	20698.67	14488.21	0.92
Hang Seng	8493.25	-135.68	-1.57	16820.31	7351.68	4.82
Dax	6171.43	23.56	0.38	6167.51	3487.24	2.62

INTEREST RATES



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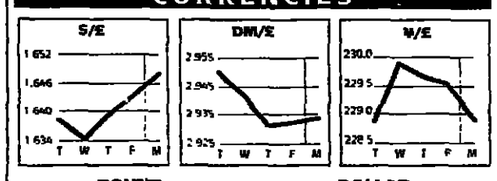
MONEY MARKET RATES

Index	3 month	Yr chg	1 Year	Yr chg
UK	7.75	0.70	7.89	0.43
US	5.69	-0.06	5.81	-0.22
Japan	0.65	0.01	0.67	-0.14
Germany	3.54	0.39	3.80	0.47

BOND YIELDS

10 year	Yr chg	Long bond	Yr chg
5.85	-1.18	5.51	-1.43
5.48	-0.77	5.72	-0.82
1.74	-0.82	2.29	-0.76
4.68	-0.89	5.28	-1.08

CURRENCIES



POUND

	at 5pm	Change	Yr Ago
Dollar	1.6476	+0.47c	1.6736
D-Mark	2.9321	+0.06pf	3.0135
Yen	228.71	-¥0.81	195.17
£ index	104.60	+0.00	104.80

DOLLAR

	at 5pm	Change	Yr Ago
Sterling	0.6069	-0.17p	0.5957
D-Mark	1.7791	-0.59pf	1.7964
Yen	138.87	-¥0.68	116.22
$ index	112.60	+0.00	103.70

OTHER INDICATORS

	Close	Chg	Yr Ago
Brent Oil ($)	11.95	-0.10	18.27
Gold ($)	295.00	0.45	328.95
Silver ($)	5.39	0.11	4.26

	Index	Chg	Yr ago	Next figs
GDP	114.80	3.00	111.46	Aug
RPI	163.40	3.70	157.57	Jul
Base Rates			7.50	6.75 *as Spain

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TOURIST RATES

Australia ($)	2.5421	Mexican (nuevo peso)	13.19
Austria (schillings)	19.97	Netherlands (guilders)	3.2026
Belgium (francs)	58.70	New Zealand ($)	2.9872
Canada ($)	2.3829	Norway (krone)	12.05
Cyprus (pounds)	0.8321	Portugal (escudos)	289.45
Denmark (krone)	10.89	Saudi Arabia (rials)	5.9898
Finland (markka)	8.6945	Singapore ($)	2.6861
France (francs)	9.5221	Spain (pesetas)	240.55
Germany (marks)	2.8522	South Africa (rands)	10.23
Greece (drachma)	469.88	Sweden (krone)	12.73
Hong Kong ($)	12.35	Switzerland (francs)	2.4076
Ireland (punts)	1.1273	Thailand (bahts)	60.57
Indian (rupees)	64.21	Turkey (lirasi)	426029
Israel (shekels)	5.5388	USA ($)	1.6057
Italy (lira)	2817		
Japan (yen)	224.69		
Malaysia (ringgits)	6.5054		
Malta (lira)	0.6226		

Source: Thomas Cook

Stock Exchange's late start fails to calm City fears

CITY FIGURES yesterday dismissed the London Stock Exchange's latest attempt to improve dealing on its new electronic trading system as ineffectual, and argued that the Exchange's decision to open half an hour later than usual could damage the interests of the small investor.

Angela Knight, chief executive of the Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Stockbrokers (APCIMS), said: "I'm not sure it's the right solution at all. All it's doing is saying to the private investor – we're not open for business when you want to do it."

However, the Stock Exchange defended its decision to open at 9am rather than 8.30am, saying it was far too early to judge the move's success.

BY LEA PATERSON

Tradepoint, a rival to the Stock Exchange, took a different approach to the problem of low trading volumes early in the day. Rather than shortening the trading day, Tradepoint yesterday announced it would cut prices for members choosing to trade between 7.30am and 9.30am.

Nic Stuchfield, Tradepoint's chief executive, said: "This initiative is Tradepoint's way of encouraging market users to post their orders early in the day."

Sets, the LSE's new electronic trading system, has been dogged by pricing difficulties ever since launch last October. The main problems have been first thing in the morning and last thing in the afternoon, when low trading volumes have meant that investors risk dealing at unfavourable prices.

After extensive consultation, the LSE decided to open at 9.00am rather than 8.30am, and to persuade Liffe, London's futures and options exchange, to trade equity options until 4.30pm, LSE's official closing time, rather than 4.10pm.

The City has welcomed the second of these initiatives, which also came into force yesterday. Many dealers arbitrage between equities on the LSE and equity options on Liffe, and after Liffe closes, volumes on the LSE tend to tail off. Dealers were more sceptical, though, about LSE's decision to open later.

There was little evidence yesterday morning of a marked improvement in price formation on the LSE, where volumes were low for the first thirty minutes of so of trade.

An exchange spokeswoman said: "Yes, it's been quite slow, but there are lots of different reasons why this might be. Every day is different". Stephen Wilson, head of commercial development at Tradepoint, said volumes on his exchange were 50 per cent higher than usual.

One head of sales at a US house dismissed the LSE's latest initiative as ineffectual. He said: "All it did was hold things back another half an hour. It's hard to see it making any difference, when what people are waiting for is to get a feel of the way things are going."

Justin Urquhart Stewart at Barclays Stockbrokers said: "It's all designed to make life easier for the big institutions. But delaying the opening of the swimming pool by 30 minutes does not necessarily make the water warmer."

Ms Knight of APCIMS said the LSE was failing to serve the needs of small investors, who wanted to trade early in the morning.

She added that many clients wanting to buy or sell shares before the LSE's official opening were now being forced to use old-style market makers. City dealers warned that investors choosing to trade in this way ran the risk of dealing at highly unfavourable prices.

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Seagram spins off premium orange to PepsiCo

BY DAVID USBORNE in New York

IN AN important reshaping of the soft drinks industry, Seagram Co announced yesterday that it was offloading its Tropicana chilled juices business to PepsiCo Inc in a deal worth $3.3bn.

The transaction will unite the world's second beverage company with the number one producer of branded juices. As well as topping juice sales in the US, where it has 40 per cent of the ready-to-drink orange juice market, Tropicana is the market leader in Britain, Canada, Belgium and France. With labels like Season's Best and Tropicana Premium, its annual revenue reached $2bn last year.

PepsiCo, which hopes to close some of the gap separating it from Coca-Cola, is gambling that Florida-based Tropicana will fit neatly with its existing beverage base as well as its Frito-Lay snack business. Last year, PepsiCo spun-off its restaurant division, composed of KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell. With its Minute Maid division, Coca Cola also has an interest in the juice market. However, sales of Minute Maid have long been eclipsed by Tropicana.

The sale is also critical for Montreal-based Seagram which, for the first time in its history, will become more heavily focused on the entertainment industry than on the beverage business. Indeed, the disposal of Tropicana had been planned to raise cash to help fund Seagram's purchase in May of PolyGram. Seagram had earlier suggested that it would seek to raise as much as $4bn from Tropicana by selling it to the public. It also said, however, that it would entertain offers from other interested bidders. The acquisition of PolyGram, the music and filmed entertainment giant, was sealed for $10.6bn.

Seagram, still the maker of Chivas Regal, Seagram's V.O. and Absolut Vodka, made its first foray into the entertainment world with its purchase of MCA Inc for $5.7bn in 1995. MCA is now called Universal Studios.



Tropicana, dominant in the not-from-concentrate market, is a valuable addition to the PepsiCo range *John Voos*

Part of the attraction of Tropicana to Pepsi was its hold on the lucrative and rapidly expanding chilled, not-from-concentrate, segment of the juice market. In America, Tropicana accounts for 71 per cent of the sales of these higher-priced, premium quality juices. Since 1993, the not-from-concentrate market in the US has grown by more than 8 per cent annually.

London store makes a low-key debut

SELFRIDGES, the London department store, made its debut on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, but a less than dazzling performance reflected worries about the store's prospects in the short term.

Rival department store Debenhams was also in the spotlight with a better-than-expected trading report despite the poor summer weather that has affected high street sales across Britain. A 4.5 per cent increase in sales to 11 July on a comparable basis was reassuring, and helped boost Debenhams' shares by 18p to 352.5p.

Peter Jarvis, the Debenhams chairman, said margins had been maintained and the company's strategy "continues to deliver a good performance, notwithstanding today's difficult economic and trading environment".

Analysts said the statement had come as a relief after recent negative sentiment on retailers. Debenhams shares, which joined the UK equity market in January after a demerger from Burton, hit a low of 298p on 7 July and have been at around a 30 per cent discount to the market. "It was a solid statement, very reassuring," said SG Securities analyst Nick Bubb.

Selfridges, demerging from parent Sears, defied the market's most pessimistic projections with its shares trading above its net asset value, but the store's market capitalisation of £360m was more modest than original estimates of between £450m and £500m, analysts said.

The shortfall reflected Selfridges' profit downturn in the past year due to the refurbishment of its Oxford Street store and lower tourist spending. There were also question marks over the success of Selfridges' first move out of London to a new store in Manchester, which opens in September.

Its profits are set to fall again this year, with forecasts ranging from £12m to £17m, down from a pro-forma profit last year of £21.2 m.

The demerger has been part of Sears's efforts to improve returns for shareholders after making huge write-offs last year for its loss-making shoe business, which has now been sold.

Telecom giants plan Euro-link

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

COMPETITION in the European telecom market intensified yesterday as the French and German state operators revealed widespread plans to join forces while WorldCom, the fast-growing US group, unveiled its sophisticated pan-European network.

Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom yesterday announced plans to present a united front in 20 European countries where they are active. They already have joint ventures in Italy and Switzerland, and in the UK through their partnership with Energis.

The two companies said they expected all their existing ventures to generate revenues of more than 10bn euros by the year 2003, giving them a 10 per cent share of the market outside their home countries. To cement the agreement Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom will buy 2 per cent shareholdings in each other before the end of the year.

Meanwhile WorldCom, the US group which is in the middle of a $37bn merger with MCI, announced the completion of its pan-European telecoms network. The 2,000-mile long network links together the five cities – London, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Brussels – where WorldCom has built local infrastructure.

The network, which is the first pan-European infrastructure to be completed, will allow WorldCom to offer sophisticated managed telecom services to customers including multinational companies and internet service providers.

Confidence slumps as downturn is signalled

BY LEA PATERSON

MONEY GROWTH has slowed to its lowest level for almost three years, according to official figures released yesterday which signal that inflationary pressures in the economy could be beginning to ease.

The data was released as new surveys showed slumping business and consumer confidence. The European Commission/GfK survey of consumer confidence found that consumers had grown increasingly pessimistic over the past two months, and consumer confidence was at its lowest point since the general election.

The quarterly survey by the Institute of Management (IM) found business confidence at its lowest level since December 1996, job security waning and employment prospects looking increasingly bleak.

Mary Chapman, IM director general, said: "As business confidence falls, management anxiety rises. There are clear signs of a downturn in business activity as the measures taken to cool the economy begin to bite. Business leaders fear cooling may be the first signal of recession."

Analysts warned against attaching too much significance to the money supply figures, saying that the measure was unlikely to have much impact at the next meeting of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Jonathan Loynes at HSBC said: "The slowdown in M4 [a broad measure of money supply] will come as some reassurance to those of a monetarist persuasion on the MPC. But it is unlikely to have a major bearing on the interest-rate decision in early August."

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), M4 grew by 9 per cent in the year to June, the slowest growth since September 1995. Month-on-month M4 growth in June was 0.7 per cent.

Despite the slowdown in M4 growth, consumer borrowing is holding up well, according to a breakdown of lending provided by the British Bankers' Association (BBA). "It might still be too early to talk of a reversed trend in the consumer sector," said Audrey Childe-Freeman at CIBC World Markets.

Sterling eased following the money supply data, but firmed later to close at DM2.933, virtually unchanged from Friday.

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

IN QUIET trading, Footsie climbed 5 points to 6,179, another closing peak. The 30-minute later start of trading on the computerised order book seemed to have little impact, merely pushing proceedings back by half an hour.

Enterprise Oil was the best-performing blue chip, largely on backing from BT Alex.Brown. Shire Pharmaceuticals became the hot drug favourite, jumping 53p to 540.5p after positive weekend developments on its Alzheimer's drug, galantamine.

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NEW YORK

WALL STREET was mixed in subdued trade. The Dow was weighed down by a warning from McDonald's, while hi-tech shares propped up the Nasdaq.

The Dow's losses were deepened by a computer selling program which pushed the blue-chip index more than 50 points lower to trigger index arbitrage trading curbs. In early afternoon the Dow was off 46 points at 9,291. Stocks had reached record highs on Friday, and a move in the opposite direction often takes place in the succeeding session.

FRANKFURT

German shares retreated from record territory as low volume and a weaker dollar weighed on the market. The XetraDAX closed up 23.2 at 6186.1 after hitting a record high of 6,206.01 points earlier.

Software maker SAP AG's preference shares lost 12 marks to 1,170. It said its first-half profit rose 43 percent to DM832m. Industrial giant Siemens was also among decliners, dropping 0.80 pfennigs to 132.20 marks. On Sunday it denied a report in Der Spiegel magazine that it intended to cease production of cheap computer chips.

HONG KONG

Stocks ended sharply lower on Monday, extending losses through the day in quiet trade as investors awaited second-quarter jobs data. Tokyo was on holiday as well.

The Hang Seng index lost 135.68 points, or 1.57 per cent, to finish at 8,493.25 after hitting a day low of 8,480.65.

After the market closed, the government announced a rise in unemployment to 4.5 per cent in the April to June period from 4.1 per cent in the March to May period. The second-quarter figure was in line with expectations.

JOHANNESBURG

A WEAKER rand inspired South African gold stocks higher on Monday, but sent other sectors south as the markets chafed at Friday's news that Moody's Investor Service was reviewing the country's rating.

The benchmark All Share fell 98.5 points, or 1.33 per cent, to 7,332.5, but the Gold index closed up 1.74 per cent at 1,072.5 as Anglogold, the world's largest gold producer, reported a 42 per cent rise in interim earnings. The rand ended the day at 6.3450 to the dollar.

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Stock Exchange's half-hour folly

OUTLOOK

AS PUBLIC relations disasters go, the stock exchange's decision to open half an hour later so as to achieve "more consistent pricing" at the start of the day takes some beating. Whether or not late opening eventually has the desired effect, the Exchange surely must have been aware of how it would play to the public. When an organisation is in difficulty, the correct response is surely to extend the working day so as to achieve greater competitiveness, not to cut it. Anything else could reasonably be regarded as suicide.

The parallel with the stock exchange is not an exact one, since the problem here is one of lack of liquidity at the start of the day, rather than lack of productivity. The effect of this absence of liquidity is that the little business which does take place is often conducted on a very wide spread between bid and offer price. This in turn can enormously increase the effective cost to the investor of buying and selling shares.

To set back the opening 30 minutes to a time when generally sufficient liquidity has built up in the system to allow more representative prices, never seemed likely to do the trick, and judging by yesterday's, it certainly hasn't. By 10am yesterday, there had been only 10,400 trades, an exceptionally low volume for that time of day.

In other words, the effect of opening later seems to have been merely to push the half hour of low liquidity further into the day, rather than get rid of it entirely. There's still the same reluctance among institutions to post their trades as the market opens. It seems to be the case that big investors want to see consistent pricing establish itself before taking the plunge, whatever time the market opens.

None of this would matter very much if the stock exchange had an absolute monopoly. Inconveniencing those who do want to trade early - mainly small investors dashing off to work - might seem a small price to pay for the extra half hour brokers and officials get in bed. Unfortunately for the LSE, not even the capital markets are immune to the forces of competition nowadays. Thanks to the stock exchange's "brilliant solution", Frankfurt and Paris now have an hour and a half's head start over London and while it is not yet possible to deal in those markets in all but a handful of UK listed stocks, they won't be slow to spot the opportunity.

Tradepoint, the leading secondary electronic market in London, was already busy capitalising on the LSE's embarrassment yesterday by offering discounts to those using its system before the main market opens. This might seem a rather more constructive approach to encouraging liquidity at the beginning of the day than doggedly refusing to open for business at all.

More to come at Regent

SHARES IN Regent Inns, the fast growing pub company, lost almost half their value after the company last month disclosed "inconsistencies and inaccuracies" in the calculation of its like-for-like sales that would lead to a £1.7m profits hit.

Since then the rumour mill has been working overtime. Fingers are being pointed and investors are asking whether this is just the tip of an iceberg. It is all starting to look rather ugly. There is now talk of boardroom splits, disputes over strategy and directors' outside interests are being questioned.

The company insists that the decks have been cleared, that the City has been kept fully informed and that there is nothing to worry about. They may well be right. But shareholders deserve answers.

First is the way like for like sales were calculated. Like for like sales – with the effects of new openings stripped out - are a key measure of underlying performance. Retailers spend ages worrying over how they are calculated and explaining the method of measurement used. As retailers, pub businesses should be no different.

But under Clive Watson, the finance director who left in April, the figures were calculated by comparing present sales with those of two years ago and dividing them by two - not a very scientific approach and potentially extremely misleading.

Mr Watson says the board was aware of the method and sanctioned it, so there must be an element of collective responsibility. If the board did not know Mr Watson's method, they should have done. And if they did, they should have informed the market sooner.

The second question is about Regent's strategy. The company was built up on London boozers but, high on its success, it started opening pubs in northern towns where it had only limited knowledge. Some say not all board members were in favour of this strategy though the company denies a split. In the dash for growth, management may have taken its eye off existing pubs. Indeed the company admits that investment in central systems did not keep pace with operational expansion.

And then there is question of directors' outside interests. Regent's managing director, David Franks, and operations director, Peter Mackie are directors and shareholders in a loss-making cafe business called Fish Fish. Though this was disclosed in the Regent accounts, is it right these two should have been empire-building in a business that would compete for sites with Regent and give rise to a possible conflict of interest? We have not heard the last of this mini scandal.

Transport bears scars of battle

"AFTER 20 YEARS in the wilderness, this is the day that transport policy bursts out into the light of a new dawn." That's telling 'em, John. The Deputy Prime Minister bore down on the road and rail industry with his long-awaited transport White Paper yesterday and the market barely flinched. This was not so much a juggernaut laying waste to all those privatised train operators and apologists for the motor car: it was more a friendly double-decker inviting everyone to jump on board.

Perhaps it was the touchy-feely language, the Rail Passenger Partnerships, the Commission for Integrated Transport and the promise of Infrastructure Investment Funds. Perhaps it was the vagueness of the timescales attached to Mr Prescott's action plan. Or maybe it was the way that the most contentious elements of the proposals, like charging to enter city centres and park at work, were carefully devolved to local authority level.

There is little doubt that the long-delayed 170-page white paper bears the scars of the battles Mr Prescott has had to fight with Downing Street and the Treasury. Thus the tax on parking at out-of-town supermarkets and shopping complexes disappears (just as Labour says thanks very much and banks another £1m from Lord Sainsbury).

The Strategic Rail Authority looks a sensible idea with its remit to make sure the railways are run as a single network and its new responsibility for consumer protection. But the train operators need not tremble awhile yet since their performance regime will not be revisited until the franchises come up for renewal in the next millennium.

Even the road lobby was not fazed by the Prescott approach, despite the fact that it is being loaded with another £1bn of taxes on top of the £30bn it already pays. "Mondeo man can breathe a little easier," japed John, meaning he will have cleaner air to draw on. Given the hardline position Mr Prescott started from, his new dawn does not look that intimidating for the Fat Controller either.

IN BRIEF

Europe lags in global banking

EUROPEAN investment banks are unlikely to become global leaders in the industry, according to a new report published today.

An Economist Intelligence Unit/AT Kearney survey of top investment banking institutions found that business leaders thought that only a handful of banks – all US-based – had the right ingredients for global success. Paul Reyniers, vice-president at AT Kearney, a consultancy, said: "The top European and Asian banks are going to have to reassess their current strategies. They are only going to be able to break through to the first tier through major acquisitions."

More cars made

UK CAR production rose a seasonally-adjusted 5.8 per cent in the six months ending June compared with the previous six months, and was up 7.3 per cent on the same period a year ago, according to data from the Office for National Statistics.

In June, the seasonally-adjusted index for total car production was 139, virtually unchanged from 138 in May. Production allocated for export rose by 5.1 per cent in the six months to June and was up 3.7 per cent on the same period a year ago, while car production for the domestic market rose by 6.6 per cent in the six months to June and was up 12.1 per cent year-on-year. .

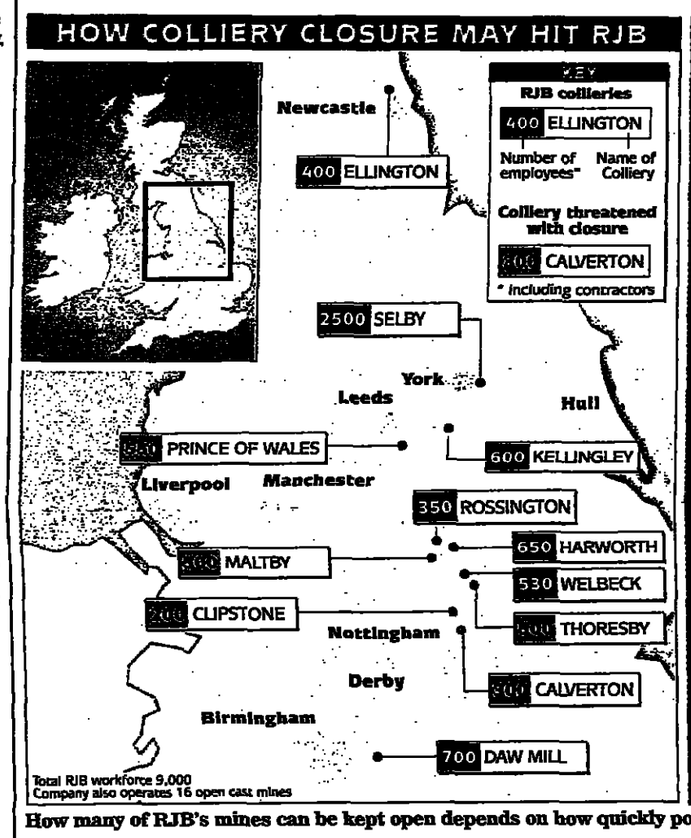
Banks merge

ATLANTA-BASED SunTrust Banks agreed to buy Crestar, based in Virginia, District of Columbia, in a $9.5bn (£5.8bn) stock deal which will create the tenth-largest bank in the US with $88bn in assets and 1,093 branches in six states and the District of Columbia.

McDonald's down

SHARES IN McDonald's Corp fell by 5.5 per cent in New York yesterday after the world's largest fast-food company warned it would not be able to sustain a strong US performance that helped second-quarter earnings meet expectations. Second-quarter profits before a charge rose 7 per cent to $469m from $438m a year ago. McDonald's said its US profit before tax and the charge rose 15 per cent.

King Coal isn't beaten yet





How many of RJB's mines can be kept open depends on how quickly power station sell-offs and other market reforms proceed. Richard Budge is ever the optimist

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

News Analysis: Richard Budge, the RJB chief, believes he is winning the battle for the survival of Britain's coal industry. Others are not so sure

LOVE HIM or loathe him, it is hard not to admire the tenacity with which Richard Budge hangs on to the belief that there is a future, and a rosy one at that, for the British coal industry. Yesterday was the last day for interested parties to respond to the Government's energy review – otherwise known as its pit rescue plan.

There can be few more interested parties than Mr Budge. His company, RJB Mining, accounts for 85 per cent of the deep-mined coal produced in this country. And yet where was Mr Budge yesterday? Lobbying the President of the Board of Trade, Margaret Beckett, for a level playing field in the energy market? Banging on the doors of the generators, demanding that they buy more of his "world competitive" British coal?

Neither of these. In fact Mr Budge was busy opening the war on another front. RJB has made an application to the European courts to block Brussels' approval for the payment of £3.3bn a year in state subsidies to the German and Spanish coal industries. Mr Budge wants a slice of their markets and he reckons that once the prop of taxpayers' support has been kicked away they will be fair game.

In his heart Mr Budge knows however, that annulment proceedings before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities in Luxembourg are not noted for their alacrity. If coal is to have a future, then salvation will be found much nearer to home.

Ever the optimist, Mr Budge believes he is winning the battle in Whitehall and Westminster for coal to be given a fair crack of the whip. Others fear, however, that he is simply whistling in the dark to keep his spirits up, and that the outlook for RJB Mining is one of steady and painful contraction.

In the long term the energy review should be good news for the coal industry. It imposed an indefinite ban on further gas-fired power stations. It put the two big generators, National Power and PowerGen, on notice that they would have to divest up to half their coal-fired stations to rival operators, to increase competition and, thus presumably, the market for coal. And it paved the way for an overhaul of trading arrangements in the electricity pool, designed to stop the market being tilted in favour of gas and nuclear.

RJB's problem, however, is that it desperately needs a short-term solution. Last year it supplied 26 million of the 40 million tonnes of coal burnt by the UK's electricity generating industry. And yet so far this year it has contracted to supply just 13 million tonnes. RJB reckons it can count on another 3 million tonnes from PowerGen but that still leaves another 10 million tonnes to find from somewhere.

The three-month reprieve that guaranteed output at its 15 pits would continue at the same rate as last year expired at the end of June. The discussions about how much coal-fired plant the generators can be cajoled into selling are not likely to produce an outcome until September. "In the meantime, no one is going to buy a single extra tonne of coal," said one electricity executive.

Even without the moratorium, there is enough new gas-fired capacity being built to displace a further 12-15 million tonnes of coal.

Strangely, the coal industry is not in obvious crisis. Pits are not being shut down by the week and miners are not being thrown on the scrapheap in their thousands. "Actually, it's business as usual," says an RJB spokesman cheerily.

Part of the explanation is that two of RJB's pits – Bilstone in Nottinghamshire and Asfordby in north Leicestershire – have closed since the start of this financial year, removing 4 million tonnes of production. Production will also be lower over the next month or so as pits begin their annual two-week summer shutdown.

RJB has also begun to stockpile coal at the pithead. It will not say how much is being stored, but Charles Kernot, a mining analyst with Paribas Capital Markets, reckons it could produce 23 million tonnes of deep-mined coal this calender year. "I think that for the next few months most of its mines will stay in production. If it can mine coal for say £1.18 a gigajoule today, stockpile it on the surface and then sell it in two to three years time for £1.30 a gigajoule, it won't be doing too badly."

However, Mr Kernot does not believe this will stop pit closures. He believes that three pits – Prince of Wales, Thoresby and Calverton – will close in the next 12-18 months once existing seams are depleted, while a further two – Clipstone and Maltby – could be shut by 2000.

Other than Clipstone, where RJB itself concedes the seams are getting thin, the company says it has no plans for pit closures. In fact it says it has just received planning approvals to develop a second seam at its Selby superpit, estimated to contain at least 20 million tonnes of coal.

How many more mines can be kept open will depend on how quickly the power station divestments take place and the electricity market is reformed.

In his battle to defend the coal industry, Mr Budge has found himself in bed with some unlikely allies. Professor Stephen Littlechild, not exactly one of Mr Budge's pin-ups, agrees with him that the generators have been running down output from their coal stations while maximising profits.

Nor is the Energy Intensive Users Group, a lobby organisation representing the likes of the steel, paper, glass and chemical industries, normally a supporter of high-priced coal. But it is backing forced divestment – it wants the generators to sell off half their coal-fired capacity – and a cap on pool prices until a level playing field for coal has been established.

But as its chairman, Ian Blakey, warns: "None of these policies helps business now and the generators will probably have a couple of years to continue to make exploitative profits and their directors to make pop star salaries at customers' expense."

What price the British coal industry by then?

Markets braced for Fed chief's testimony

When the US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan takes to Capitol Hill today to deliver his semi-annual report on the US economy, his message is likely to be a somewhat gleeful one – tempered by a good dose of caution, Reuters reports.

Finally, economic statistics are proving what he has been claiming for more than a year: the economy is fundamentally strong but there is little need to raise interest rates, particularly now Asia's turmoil has started to take a bite out of growth.

The Fed chairman is scheduled to deliver his Humphrey-Hawkins testimony to the Senate Banking Committee today at 3pm London time. He will repeat the report to the House Banking Committee on Wednesday.

Mr Greenspan has not been without opposition in his belief that the Fed, at least for now, can let the economy run its course alone.

In May, two of the most outspoken traditionalists on the Fed's policy-making Federal Open Market Committee voted for a rate rise, arguing something needed to be done to reign in rampant growth.

But Mr Greenspan's vindication came last week, when the government reported a 10.3 per cent surge in the US trade deficit to $15.75bn in May, prompting many economists to slash their forecast for economic growth in the second-quarter.

A first estimate of growth will not be released until 31 July, but already some observers think growth has actually been negative. That is in stark contrast to the first quarter, when the economy expanded at 5.4 per cent.

"This is basically a very solid economy that looks as though it's going to slow down all by itself," said Barry Bosworth, an economist at the Brookings Institution.

That is exactly what Mr Greenspan has been arguing ever since the Fed last changed rates in March 1997, when it bumped up the overnight fed funds lending rate by a quarter percentage point to 5.5 per cent.

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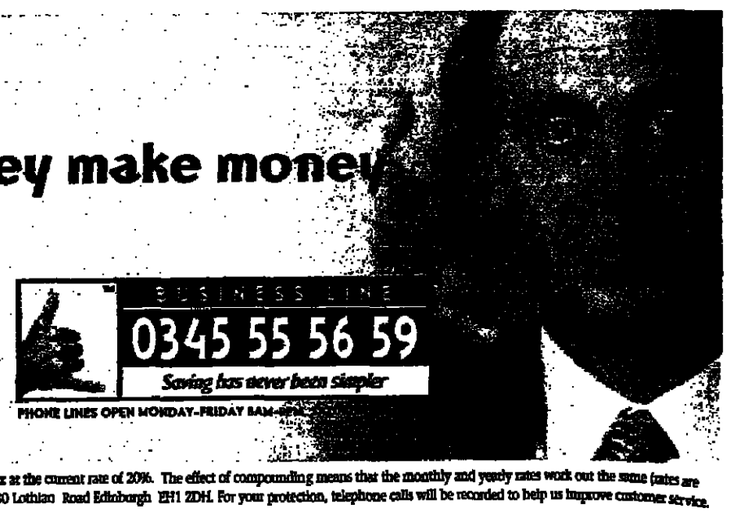
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Balanced Exempt	182.90	193.10	0.61	1.70	5.00
Cash	9.58	9.84	0.00	5.75	0.50
Com & Sail Ex	179.02	181.41	0.48	2.57X	0.00
Corporate Bond	85.69	88.90	-0.28	6.06	3.25
European General	479.60	507.20	0.00	0.00	5.00
European Strategy	200.66	214.40	1.48	0.00	5.50
FTSE Mid 250 Index	117.26	125.42	0.00	1.85	5.50
Geared UK Index	29.63	30.23	0.14	5.75	5.50
Global Strategy	49.37	52.79	0.11	0.00	5.50
Greater China	138.69	148.32	-0.35	0.00	5.50
International Growth	200.63	214.21	0.94	0.11	5.50
Japan General	101.50	107.50	-0.10	0.00	5.00
Latin American	95.34	101.76	0.77	0.00	5.50
Monthly Income	48.12	48.32	-0.05	7.96X	5.50
Pacific Strategy	84.95	90.85	-0.62	0.00	5.50
UK Bear	3.94	4.16	-0.01	0.25	5.50
UK Equity General	445.80	474.40	1.10	0.00	5.00
UK Equity/Safeguard	112.70	120.69	-0.15	2.02X	5.50
UK Index	19.76	20.85	0.01	5.25	5.50
UK Safeguard	142.39	151.74	0.27	0.00	5.50
UK Smaller Cos	96.45	103.15	0.18	0.50	5.50
US Bear	3.74	3.74	0.00	0.00	5.50
US Equity Safeguard	96.83	102.78	0.00	0.00	5.50
US Index	27.85	29.13	0.00	4.26	5.25
AXA Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers					
AXA Equity & Law Res,					
Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GB					
Tel: 01203 553231					
Balanced Acc	84.27	89.64	0.30	2.06	6.00
Balanced Inc	76.48	81.34	0.27	2.06	6.00
British Excel	135.40	144.00	0.70	2.01	6.00
BritishFoot/rtsAcc	173.80	184.80	0.90	4.08	6.00
BritishFoot/rtsInc	108.90	118.80	0.60	4.08	6.00
Europe	845.40	898.50	0.41	0.00	6.00
General Acc	988.40	1051.00	7.00	2.02	5.00
General Inc	661.70	662.00	4.60	2.02	5.00
Gilts&Fixed Int	98.80	103.90	-0.30	5.71	5.50
Gilts&FixedIntAcc	142.10	150.70	-0.70	5.71	5.50
Global Opps	141.20	150.20	0.60	0.21	6.00
Higher Inc Acc	1303.00	1386.00	0.00	4.01	6.00
Higher Inc Inc	659.60	701.70	0.00	4.01	6.00
Japan	92.95	98.05	0.19	0.00	6.00
North America	512.30	544.90	-1.00	0.00	6.00
Pacific Basin	145.30	154.50	0.00	0.00	6.00
UK Growth Acc	660.80	723.70	3.60	1.96	6.00
UK Growth Inc	427.40	454.60	2.30	1.96	6.00
AXA Sun Life Unit Fund Mgrs					
AmerGrowthAcc	141.00	148.90	-0.80	0.00	5.00
AmerGrowthIncAcc	71.46	76.05	0.13	0.00	5.00
DeutGrowthAcc	36.11	38.41	0.17	2.25	5.00
DistributionAcc	40.12	42.54	0.17	2.26	5.00
EmergMktsAcc	17.47	18.59	0.10	0.28	5.00
EthicalAcc	22.97	24.30	0.00	0.00	5.00
EuropeSmlrCosAcc	185.90	198.10	0.44	0.00	5.00
FarEastSmlrAcc	97.39	103.60	-0.88	0.00	5.00
JapanSmlrCosAcc	69.74	73.05	-0.01	0.00	5.00
Extra Income Acc	58.55	61.51	0.05	5.70	5.00
Extra Income Inc	41.74	44.50	0.04	5.70	5.00
MgdGrowthAcc	140.90	149.50	0.28	0.28	5.00
MgdHighYieldAcc	189.50	201.90	0.70	2.91	5.00
MgdHighYieldInc	139.20	138.50	0.50	2.91	5.00
MgdMixedAssetsAcc	121.90	129.80	0.40	1.75	5.00
MgdMixedAssetsInc	121.90	129.20	0.60	2.27	5.00
Pacific Cmth	29.69	31.56	-0.39	0.37	5.00
UK Growth Acc	138.00	146.50	0.86	1.43	5.00
UK Income Acc	144.50	153.50	0.70	2.13X	5.00
UK Income Inc	102.80	94.15	0.47	2.13X	5.00
UK Smaller Cos	46.36	52.51	0.10	1.74	5.00
Abbey Unit Trust Managers					
American Growth	630.30	672.60	-1.10	0.20X	6.00
Asian Pacific	173.50	185.60	-0.40	0.57	6.00
Assets & Earnings	407.10	435.40	1.10	2.34X	6.00
Capital Reserve Acc	156.50	156.90	0.14	0.00	6.00
Dividend & Growth	97.50	101.60	0.40	3.00X	6.00
Ethical	107.10	113.90	0.80	1.56X	6.00
European Capital	311.40	333.00	3.30	0.20X	6.00
EuropeanCapitalAcc	340.80	364.50	3.30	0.20X	6.00
Extra Income	43.24	46.00	0.11	9.09X	6.00
General	357.70	381.20	1.30	2.47X	6.00
Gilt & Fixed Int	147.10	156.00	-0.10	5.71X	6.00
Global Govn & Sec	81.50	86.97	0.10	2.00	6.00
Global Opps	97.36	92.94	0.53	0.34	6.00
High Inc Equity	2258.70	276.10	0.60	8.75X	6.00
International	167.00	178.60	1.00	0.00	6.00
Japan	78.93	84.40	-0.07	0.00	6.00
Latin American	69.37	74.18	1.05	0.80	6.00
Managed Income	57.29	61.29	0.15	4.16X	6.00
MasterTrust	211.00	225.70	0.70	1.06	6.00
Mod UK Growth	191.10	203.20	0.70	1.45	5.00
Mod UK Gwth Acc	204.40	217.40	0.70	1.45	5.00
US Emerging Cos	267.40	278.60	0.10	0.00	5.00
Windsmoor Bond	276.60	295.30	0.20	3.56X	6.00
Abbey National UT Mngrs Ltd					
Equity Income	185.20	197.60	0.50	3.76	5.00
Extra Income	343.30	364.30	0.90	4.24	5.00
International	156.50	166.80	0.80	0.84	5.50
N & P UK Growth	133.00	141.40	0.40	1.39	5.50
Smaller Cos	108.70	115.60	0.60	1.79	5.50
Aberdeen Prolific UT Mngrs Ltd					
Emerging Markets	54.40	57.56	0.17	0.34X	4.25
Ethical	98.43	104.15	0.20	0.62X	4.25
FarEastEmgEcon	64.61	68.37	-1.25	0.85X	4.25
Fixed Interest	30.68	32.20	0.02	7.55	4.25
Frontier Markets	78.37	82.92	-0.07	0.00	4.25
Fund of Inv Trust	225.16	238.26	0.56	0.18X	4.25
FundofInvTstAcc	491.66	520.27	1.21	0.18	4.25
Gilt Income	58.60	62.74	0.01	6.60X	4.25
Global Bond	41.30	43.69	0.02	4.77	4.25
High Yield Bond	106.28	112.37	-0.05	6.38	4.25
Japan	146.98	154.85	1.02	0.01	4.25
Latin American	64.38	68.14	0.65	0.74	4.25
Master Growth	65.44	70.36	0.68	0.32	4.25
Master Income	70.12	74.19	0.01	2.15X	4.25
Pacific	69.86	73.83	0.19	0.67	4.25
Prospty W Share	97.70	102.65	2.05	1.08X	4.25
UK Emerging Cos	92.79	100.22	0.67	0.80X	4.25
UK Growth	82.56	87.36	0.43	0.97	4.25
World Portfolio	165.77	111.53	0.47	1.87X	4.25
Pr AsiaPDpcAcc	412.31	432.74	0.00	0.00	4.25
Pr EuropSmlrAcc	161.06	169.39	1.51	0.00	4.25
Pr EuropSpecOpps	167.70	176.13	0.72	0.00	4.25
Pr Extra Income	243.91	256.12	0.29	3.71X	4.25
Pr ExtraIncome Acc	338.28	357.98	0.28	3.71	4.25
Pr Global Income Ac	94.05	98.77	0.28	3.17	4.25
Pr Global Inc Acc	35.77	37.66	0.03	3.17X	4.25
Pr High Income	182.47	193.10	0.02	3.61	4.25
Pr HighIncomeAcc	248.10	260.44	0.03	3.61	4.25
Pr NthAmerican	297.74	311.72	0.01	0.00	4.25
Pr NthAmericaAcc	298.10	312.10	0.05	0.00	4.25
Pr Pref & Fixed Int	58.57	58.85	-0.11	5.17X	4.25
Pr Pref&FixedIntAcc	91.53	96.85	-0.18	5.17	4.25
Pr Special Sits	194.73	206.08	1.15	0.98	4.25
Pr SpecialSitsAcc	271.26	284.79	1.30	0.98	4.25
Pr Technology	970.66	1021.31	5.71	0.00	4.25
Pr TecanologyAcc	970.66	1021.31	5.71	0.00	4.25
Pr UK Blue Chip	133.80	141.21	0.48	2.18	4.25
Pr Uk BlueChipAcc	161.07	169.98	0.58	2.18	4.25
Albert E Sharp					
Ethical	103.60	109.10	0.20	0.00	5.00
Smaller Cos	156.20	164.40	0.30	0.83	5.00
UK General	242.80	255.60	0.80	1.58	5.00
Allanbridges					
Amdy Acc	153.75	162.13	0.01	1.70	5.00
Amdy Inc	116.13	122.34	0.01	1.70	5.00
Highbridge Acc	79.72	83.92	0.03	3.70	5.25
Highbridge Inc	68.33	71.93	-0.03	3.70	5.25
IncomeBuilderAcc	167.55	172.83	0.06	2.71	5.50
IncomeBuilderInc	112.75	119.95	0.05	2.71	5.50
Alliance & Leicester					
Capital Growth	80.63	83.98	0.00	2.16	3.00
Income	62.15	63.96	0.01	5.51	3.00
Income Acc	58.86	60.60	0.00	5.51	3.00
B & ES					
DonarOnlyPension	163.60	169.90	7.00	0.00	3.00
FoundThePlusPens	94.25	97.92	4.84	0.00	3.00
BWD Rosenberg Unit Trust Mgrs					
Balanced Pfolio	291.48	309.33	2.02	0.76X	4.50
Equity Growth	127.64	135.41	0.34	1.06X	4.50
High Yield Bond	169.27	111.76	0.07	6.04	1.50
UK Equity Income	114.52	121.49	0.10	3.90	4.50
UKGiltSterCos	227.10	238.18	1.60	0.00X	4.50
Baillie Gifford & Co Ltd					
Amer Smaller Cos	494.20	524.40	-0.45	0.00	5.00
American	115.10	121.80	-0.25	0.00	5.25
Bond	123.80	130.20	-0.15	6.30X	5.00
British Sm Cos	125.80	127.40	0.20	1.81	5.00
British Sm Cos Acc	119.80	127.40	0.20	1.81	5.00
British 350	184.60	188.70	0.70	2.69X	0.00
British 350 Acc	186.50	188.60	0.70	2.69X	5.00
Cash	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dvrsfide & Gen	77.84	82.81	0.27	4.87	5.00
Emerg Mkts Gwth	77.30	82.23	0.20	0.00	5.25
Europe	514.70	546.10	3.60	0.00	5.00
Europ Smaller Cos	157.60	167.70	1.25	0.20	5.00
Income	99.50	105.90	0.40	3.36X	5.00
International	1300.00	1379.00	5.00	0.71X	5.00
International Acc	1307.00	1384.00	5.50	0.71X	5.00
Japan	279.30	295.30	0.00	0.00	5.00
Japan Smaller Cos	464.60	492.70	1.05	0.00	2.00
Latin America	102.40	108.90	0.50	0.00	5.25
Managed	263.20	300.10	0.65	1.99	5.00
Pacific	99.60	93.40	-0.18	1.16	5.00
UK Smaller Cos	99.64	74.09	-0.12	0.90	5.00
Barclays Funds Limited					
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Balanced Trusts					
Income Funds					
Cash	100.30	100.30	0.00	6.62X	0.00
Cash Acc	135.53	135.53	0.10	6.62	0.00
Income	90.70	95.50	0.29	3.47X	5.26
Income Builder	93.81	98.90	0.29	3.88	5.25
Balanced Funds					
500	608.90	654.70	0.10	1.64	5.25
Exempt	127.50	135.70	0.50	1.09	5.00
General	485.80	516.60	1.71	1.03	5.25
Property	281.80	302.40	1.40	5.81X	5.25
Trustee	336.26	356.60	1.18	7.16X	5.25
Growth Funds UK					
1st Stockmarket	104.70	125.40	0.63	2.51	0.00
Capital	215.90	231.80	0.63	1.14X	5.25
Capital Acc	215.96	231.80	0.60	1.14	5.25
FTSE 100	157.60	167.30	0.43	1.39	5.00
Smaller Cos Acc	92.16	97.84	0.29	1.79	5.25
Smaller Cos Inc	89.25	93.76	0.07	1.79	5.25
Growth Funds - Overseas					
America	288.70	304.70	0.70	0.00	5.25
American Growth	149.90	156.20	0.50	0.00	5.50
Japan Acc	92.44	97.59	-0.11	0.00	5.50
Japan Inc	91.39	96.45	-0.17	0.00	5.25
Japan Spec Sits	42.39	44.76	-0.05	0.00	5.50
Pacific	256.30	272.10	1.40	0.54X	5.25
Barclays Investment Portfolios (1208)F					
High Income Inc	51.63	51.66	-0.05	6.56	0.00
Balanced Income	50.31	52.66	-0.03	3.30X	3.75
Fund Gwth/Accumulns	51.70	54.17	0.10	1.90	3.75
Managed Growth	55.93	58.53	0.25	0.60	3.75
Barclays Global Investors Funds					
PO Box 14828 London E15 4BB					
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Income Funds					
Distribution	143.60	143.70	0.20	4.53	0.00
Equity Income	198.20	211.80	0.80	3.41	5.25
Gilt&FixedInt	84.84	85.83	0.03	6.73	3.50
InternatlFixedInt	100.90	104.20	0.00	4.72	3.25
Managed Growth	133.10	137.50	0.00	4.72	3.25
Growth Funds - UK					
Gwth & Inc Acc	1579.00	1682.00	9.00	1.16	5.25
Gwth & Inc Inc	624.00	664.00	3.00	1.16	5.25
UK Growth	625.90	665.90	2.60	1.06	5.25
Uk Growth Acc	625.90	665.90	2.60	1.06	5.25
Growth Funds - Overseas					
European Growth	337.00	356.60	1.50	0.43	5.25
EuropeanGwthAcc	359.10	380.50	1.40	0.43	5.25
FarEasternGrowth	88.85	95.34	0.47	1.59	5.25
FarEasternIncAcc	153.50	163.38	-0.60	1.59	5.25
Barclay Fund Managers Ltd					
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American Growth	240.50	253.80	0.80	0.00	5.00
AmericanSmlrCos	142.80	150.70	0.50	0.00	5.00
Eastern	126.08	134.40	-0.20	0.80	5.00
Equity Income	148.28	147.21	-0.20	3.40	5.00
Eurotrust Growth	134.18	141.48	0.20	0.40	5.00
European Select	169.39	178.89	1.20	0.50	5.00
Oriental Growth	198.39	207.29	1.10	0.50	5.00
Gilt & Bond	75.84	79.56	-0.04	5.10	5.00
Global Growth	236.40	249.40	1.00	0.00	5.00
Income Plus	55.91	58.83	0.04	6.80	5.00

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld	Init. Chrg %
Japan Growth	117.00	123.90	0.80	0.00	5.00
Japan Sunrise	82.55	87.37	0.43	0.00	5.00
Korea	28.27	29.48	2.03	0.00	5.25
Portfolio Acc	404.50	429.70	0.30	1.89	5.00
Portfolio Inc	208.30	221.20	0.10	1.89	5.00
Select Managers	108.90	118.10	0.30	1.00	5.00
UK Growth	159.20	169.60	0.20	1.20X	5.00
UK Growth & Inc	98.69	99.72	0.30	2.20X	0.00
UK Smaller Cos	153.20	165.90	0.20	1.90	5.00
Chantry Fund					
OverseasGwthEx	89.35	90.20	0.26	0.10	0.00
Britannia Fund Managers Ltd					
AmericanGwthAcc	175.88	183.18	0.84	0.00	4.00
AmericanIncGwthAcc	172.58	179.77	0.82	0.00	4.00
BalancedGwthAcc	257.44	268.17	0.73	0.45	4.00
BalancedGwthInc	218.84	225.88	0.62	0.45	4.00
EuropGrowthAcc	208.00	311.36	2.88	0.00	4.00
EuropGrowthInc	262.63	304.83	2.81	0.00	4.00
Gilt & Fixed Int	112.50	116.56	-0.01	5.57	3.50
GiltAndFixedIntAcc	143.23	148.43	-0.02	6.91	3.50
Higher Yield Acc	136.21	141.88	0.31	3.34	4.00
Higher Yield Inc	81.55	84.94	0.19	3.34X	4.00
Ind Sped Opps Inc	244.46	254.64	0.73	0.00X	4.00
IndSpecOppsAcc	244.72	254.92	0.73	0.00	4.00
Japan	39.62	41.27	-0.04	0.00	4.00
Japan Acc	39.62	41.27	-0.04	0.00	4.00
Managed Portfolio	69.34	72.26	0.20	1.32	4.00
ManagedPfolioAcc	73.64	76.70	0.21	1.32	4.00
Pacific Growth	86.18	89.74	-0.57	1.20	4.00
PacificGrowthAcc	86.47	90.06	-0.57	1.20	4.00
Smaller Cos	215.12	224.08	0.23	0.15	4.00
Smaller Cos Acc	244.63	254.93	7.09	0.15	4.00
Smaller Cos Inc	224.63	234.03	6.51	0.15	4.00
UK General	144.40	150.42	0.54	2.36X	4.00
UK General Acc	182.92	189.70	0.28	2.36	4.00
Gill Mills Managers Ltd					
Equity	260.10	272.80	1.10	1.10X	5.00
UK Growth	321.20	335.10	1.20	1.11	5.00
UK Income	216.40	227.70	0.00	3.04	5.00
Cazenove Unit Trust Mngrs Ltd					
Balanced	73.12	78.08	0.17	0.00	0.00
Bond	105.10	205.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
European	157.50	167.90	1.00	0.00X	0.00
Far East	148.61	156.80	-1.40	0.00X	0.00
General Acc	648.20	697.10	3.70	0.00X	0.00
General Dist	323.60	343.00	1.80	0.00X	0.00
Gilt & Fixed Int	44.96	47.23	-0.08	0.00	0.00
Growth	388.20	415.30	1.80	0.00	5.25
High Income	318.00	340.20	1.10	0.00	0.00
Income Acc	615.30	652.20	1.90	0.00	0.00
Income Dist	189.40	191.20	0.60	0.00	0.00
Int Growth	376.80	394.50	1.20	0.00	0.00
Japan Growth	28.41	29.95	0.01	0.00	0.00
Japan Income	27.84	29.36	0.01	0.00	0.00
Special Sits	186.20	198.10	0.30	1.27X	5.00
Special Sits Acc	241.20	256.60	0.20	1.27X	5.00
Cazenove Unit Trust Mngrs (Jersey)					
American Growth	121.80	128.90	0.53	2.57	0.00
European Portfolio	240.92	255.67	2.93	0.39	5.00
High Income	56.51	59.50	0.06	6.27	5.00
JapanesePortfolio	46.17	49.00	0.18	0.00X	5.00
Pacific Portfolio	85.19	90.40	-0.11	0.00	5.00
Portfolio	128.70	136.80	0.02	2.15X	5.00
UK Equity	134.36	143.33	0.06	2.57	5.00
UK Equity & Bond	74.97	79.48	0.01	4.90	5.00
UK Smaller Cos	61.72	66.02	0.04	1.74	5.00
City of London					
EmergAsiaCountry	15.26	16.19	-0.01	0.00	5.00
Emerging Markets	44.16	46.85	-0.03	0.00	5.00
Clerical Medical Unit Trust Mgrs Ltd					
American Growth	123.38	131.35	0.07	0.00	6.00
Dragon Growth	39.56	42.31	-0.35	1.84	6.00
Equity High Inc Acc	218.45	222.69	-10.50	0.00	5.75
Equity High Inc Inc	137.62	145.62	0.15	3.64X	5.25
European Growth	123.73	130.93	1.47	0.00	5.25
Exempton	41.16	44.02	0.21	0.00	6.00
Extra Income	29.29	30.94	-0.03	5.72X	5.00
Extra Income Acc	35.31	37.18	-0.03	5.72X	5.00
General Equity	157.37	166.09	0.80	1.77	5.25
Japan Growth	32.81	34.90	0.13	0.00	6.00
PolpreSmlrCosAcc	54.22	57.38	0.09	1.19	5.25
PolpreSmlrCosInc	51.17	54.15	0.07	1.19	5.25
Podgree Growth	102.19	108.13	0.15	1.22	5.25
Retirement Inc Inc	38.93	41.42	0.06	4.27	5.50
RetirementIncAcc	69.83	74.38	0.11	4.27	5.00
Special Sits	84.95	71.99	0.13	0.00	6.00
UK And Overseas	63.09	67.02	0.37	0.18	5.25
Close Investment Mgmt					
American Escalator	1.01	1.07	0.00	0.00	5.50
Capital Account	111.86	113.52	0.00	0.00X	1.00
European Escalator	108.73	110.11	0.65	0.00	5.50
Far East Escalator	100.03	108.47	-0.21	0.00	5.50
UK Escalator 100	114.31	120.32	0.04	0.00	5.50
UK Escalator 95	127.33	134.29	0.21	0.00	5.00
US Escalator	103.90	110.10	0.12	0.00	5.50
WorldEscalatorAcc	112.52	119.30	0.25	0.00	5.50
Colonial Mutual					
Balanced	94.79	98.73	0.45	2.83	4.00
Capital	119.48	124.46	0.32	1.56	4.00
Higer Income	57.96	60.39	0.01	6.31	4.00
Top 50	89.21	92.92	0.16	1.53	4.00
Commercial Union Trust Mgrs					
Income Funds					
Deposit	92.95	92.95	0.04	6.76	0.00
Deposit Acc	115.86	115.96	0.05	6.75	0.00
Equity Inc Acc	1081.16	1129.33	5.12	3.61	4.00
Equity Inc Inc	269.34	280.59	1.26	3.61	4.00
Europe Growth	403.19	426.00	3.67	0.00	4.00
Far East Growth	84.01	87.52	-0.33	0.36	4.00
Global Bond	72.37	75.39	-0.02	5.09	4.00
Global Bond Acc	91.37	95.19	-0.02	5.09	4.00
High Yield	181.06	188.04	0.35	4.84X	4.00
High Yield Acc	854.66	894.44	1.70	4.84X	4.00
Homeowner	119.33	126.99	0.31	3.74	4.00
Japan Growth	80.91	84.29	0.43	0.00	4.00
Long Gilt Acc	186.89	194.37	-0.56	4.71X	4.00
Long Gilt Inc	53.28	55.46	-0.16	4.71X	4.00
Managed	95.81	99.81	0.31	2.48	4.00
Managed Acc	131.71	137.21	0.44	2.48	4.00
Monthly Inc Plus	63.46	66.10	-0.04	6.76	4.00
MonthlyIncPlusAcc	79.35	82.66	-0.06	6.76	4.00
North American	362.21	396.18	-0.51	0.00	4.00
Oriental Growth	47.81	49.81	-0.51	1.31	4.00
Preference Acc	442.42	460.90	-0.36	5.98X	4.00
Preference Inc	82.55	85.16	-0.05	5.98X	4.00
Smaller Cos Acc	97.23	70.04	0.17	1.09	4.00
Smaller Cos Inc	55.76	58.09	0.15	1.09	4.00
UK & Gen Acc	192.44	200.48	0.80	1.88	4.00
UK & Gen Inc	142.73	148.68	0.66	1.88	4.00
UK Growth	265.70	295.61	1.30	0.00	4.00
WorldwideGwthAcc	104.08	108.44	0.36	0.00	4.00
WorldwideGwthInc	89.41	103.56	0.31	0.00	4.00
Credit Suisse Investment Funds (UK)					
American & Gen	356.30	375.50	-0.20	0.00	5.00
AmericanSmlrCos	377.70	398.20	-0.20	0.00	5.00
European Inc Acc	177.20	189.00	0.80	0.00	5.25
European Inc Inc	174.70	185.30	0.30	0.00	5.25
Extra Income	69.74	74.20	0.68	4.57X	5.00
ExtraIncomeAcc	83.53	88.87	0.82	4.57X	5.00
Fixed Interest Inc	112.50	116.58	-0.01	5.51	3.50
Gilt & Fixed Int	112.50	116.58	-0.01	5.51	3.50
GiltAndFixedIntAcc	143.23	148.43	-0.02	6.91	3.50
Higher Yield Acc	136.21	141.88	0.31	3.34	4.00
Higher Yield Inc	81.55	84.94	0.19	3.34X	4.00
Ind Sped Opps Inc	244.46	254.64	0.73	0.00X	4.00
IndSpecOppsAcc	244.72	254.92	0.73	0.00	4.00
Japan	39.62	41.27	-0.04	0.00	4.00
Japan Acc	39.62	41.27	-0.04	0.00	4.00
Managed Portfolio	69.34	72.26	0.20	1.32	4.00
ManagedPfolioAcc	73.64	76.70	0.21	1.32	4.00
Pacific Growth	86.18	89.74	-0.57	1.20	4.00
PacificGrowthAcc	86.47	90.06	-0.57	1.20	4.00
Smaller Cos	215.12	224.08	0.23	0.15	4.00
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Nationwide clamps down on staff over poll

NATIONWIDE, the embattled building society, has issued a stiff dressing-down to some of its branches' staff after carpetbaggers alleged they had been exhorted to support mutuality by staff afraid for their jobs.

The society was yesterday said to have "come down like a ton of bricks" after staff at selected branches allegedly told members a vote against mutuality might cost them their jobs.

Carpetbaggers said they had evidence that staff at branches in Victoria Street in London, Byers Road in Glasgow and Beaconsfield had breached an electoral code set out by Nationwide.

The code, agreed with the Electoral Reform Society, which is auditing the vote, allows branch staff to make the society's wishes clear. But staff are banned from warning of the consequences to themselves.

BY ANDREW VERITY

Andrew Muir, the recruitment consultant who is running for election to the board of Nationwide, said: "I have had reports of people being questioned and assisted in filling in the forms in favour of mutuality – which is not what they should be doing. I would like to go and check some of the voting forms that have been received and check they haven't been doctored."

Nationwide yesterday denied it had evidence of branch staff encouraging people to vote for mutuality – though it did say staff at its Victoria Street branch had been "very proactive" in encouraging people to cast their votes.

Staff at Nationwide have become increasingly concerned that a vote in favour of converting to a bank could trigger a takeover bid leading to the loss of hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs.

Tim Poil, general secretary of the Nationwide Staff Union, has warned of substantial job losses if Nationwide converts, in addition to the threat of closure for some of the society's smaller branches.

Owen Thomas, managing director of Electoral Reform Ballot Services, said he had learned of allegations that some staff had been overstepping the strict rules imposed by Nationwide.

But he added the volume of complaints was very small given the size of the ballot, in which 4.5 million people are taking part.

Mr Muir also admits Nationwide has made big efforts to ensure the election is fair. "Generally, I have to say, there are not many examples of overenthusiasm, but there are examples," he said.

Nationwide yesterday confirmed it will announce the result of elections to the board of directors by mid-afternoon on Wednesday – a day before the agm, when Mr Muir and his fellow carpetbagger, Michael Hardern, will speak. Voting at Nationwide's branches closed yesterday at 5pm.

While members can still vote on conversion proposals at the agm on Thursday, postal votes will only count if they have been received at Nationwide's offices by 11am this morning.

MPs will tomorrow discuss the Nationwide vote in an adjournment debate in the House of Commons.

Vincent Cable MP, a member of the campaigning group Save Our Building Societies, said: "The loss of mutual societies will mean more expensive mortgages as plcs have to pay profits to shareholders instead of reinvesting the money. That is the vital message to voters."

Recession could be round the corner for the US



HAMISH McRAE

It would be safer for the rest of us if US opinion was more aware that the economic cycle is not dead, just sleeping

UP, DOWN or sideways for US interest rates? Today Alan Greenspan starts his twice-a-year Humphrey-Hawkins testimony to US Congress. It is an event which has taken on enormous significance – probably far too much – as anyone involved in the markets deconstructs each word of Dr Greenspan to try and judge when and which way the Fed might jump.

Ahead of the testimony what should we think? You have to start with the condition of the US economy, where things are changing fast. Until a few weeks ago it seemed that growth was bounding on, but quite suddenly it seems that the East Asian crisis has struck.

Growth in the first quarter was 5.4 per cent annual rate; growth in the second – well, we won't have the figures until 31 July but the estimates I have seen range from plus 1 per cent to minus 0.8 per cent. The sharpness of the deterioration, and the way the GDP data fits with the (more timely) data on hours worked, is set out in the left hand graph.

Looking ahead, it is at least plausible that there will be a recession in the US this year. We are only just into the third quarter so it would be silly to guess the outcome there. But if the second does turn out to be minus something and the General Motors strike rolls on much longer it is certainly within the bounds of possibility that there will be two quarters of negative growth, the technical definition of recession.

This recession, if it were to take place, would be largely an externally triggered one. There has been a sudden, sharp deterioration in the US trade account, as the right-hand graph shows. Exports of the US to East Asia have collapsed while imports (on the back of that strong home demand) have remained pretty high.

Largely externally triggered, but not entirely, there may also been a swing in the inventory cycle taking place, with a build-up in the second quarter and a fall now. This at least is the view of the US economic team at HSBC.

So the US policy-makers are in a bit of a quandary. On the one hand it would be unwise to tighten policy now in the face of a possible recession, albeit a brief one. On the other hand while there is little visible sign of an upsurge in inflation, the strong first quarter did push up inflation a bit, and price rises are towards the top end of the industrial world scale. Growth of demand in the economy probably remained as high in the second quarter as in the first, an unsustainable 5 per cent annual rate. And of course asset prices, particularly the price of financial assets, remain at record levels.

Faced with this, the question is whether the collapse in demand from east Asia has done the Fed's work for it. It almost certainly has. Had the US economy not taken the east Asian hit, it would have had to take an interest rate hit. During the last few months the mood of most Fed members (though less Dr Greenspan's) has been that the Fed should incline towards a modest tightening of policy. The collapse of demand in east Asia and the knock-on impact of this on the US seems likely to put any rise in interest rates on hold. Expect that signal to emerge today and tomorrow from Dr Greenspan.

If that is right – and the markets will hit the fan if it if it is not – what next?

Anyone who is UK-based and has spent much time in the US this year will notice a marked difference in the mood between the two countries. In the UK there is a widespread appreciation that the country might move into recession.

Actually there is less immediate practical evidence of that than there is in the US. We are facing a slowdown at the moment but there is nothing in the indicators yet which suggests that there was negative growth in the second quarter. But that is not the perception. We are aware of the dangers of overheating, for people keep in talking about these.

In the US, by contrast, hardly anyone outside the narrow sphere of economics believes that anything might be wrong. There has been concern that the millennium bug might create a recession by disrupting the world's computer systems, and of course there are the worries about east Asia noted above. But there is very little perception that there might be the threat of recession from within the US, in particular that the widening trade deficit might be unsustainable. Instead everyone focuses on inflation: no inflation, no problem.

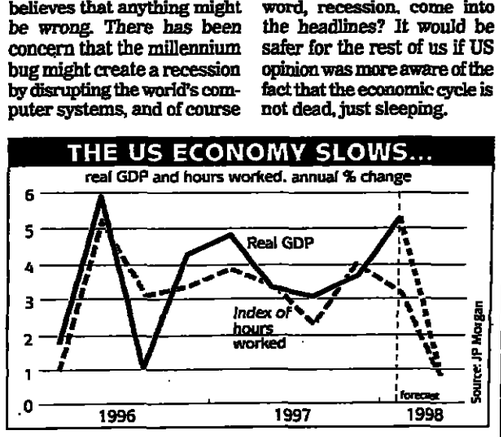
The US is therefore extremely ill-prepared for bad economic news. Domestic demand has been sustained in large measure by the willingness of foreigners to cover the US current account deficit, and the ability of US consumers to continue financing their own spending by building up financial assets in the stock market. Question: how will it react to bad economic numbers next week?

My guess is that one negative GDP number, assuming it is negative, will not do much harm to confidence. The almost mystical faith that Americans seem to have that somehow or other the Fed can manipulate interest rates to sustain growth for ever can probably stand the odd blow.

The worry is further out. It is that the east Asian slump will continue to deteriorate and that it will prove more contagious to the US than at present appears to be the case.

It is hard, if you are US-based, to take on board the full fragility of the world economy at this moment. Dr Greenspan's judgement on these dangers has proved pretty accurate in recent months, and it will be particularly interesting to see how his view has moved as the story has unrolled.

So I think the thing to look for today and tomorrow will be twofold. First, listen more to what Dr Greenspan says about the world and not so much what he says about America. And second, watch the reaction in the US: to what extent does the "R" word, recession, come into the headlines? It would be safer for the rest of us if US opinion was more aware of the fact that the economic cycle is not dead, just sleeping.



German software giant warns on growth

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

SAP, the German computer software giant, yesterday warned that Asian turmoil and spending on tackling the millennium would weaken sales growth in the second half of the year.

Reporting a 61 per cent increase in first-half sales to DM3.9bn and a 43 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to DM832bn, SAP repeated its earlier forecast that profit growth was likely to slow to 30 to 35 per cent per year in the future.

While second quarter sales grew 53 per cent in Germany, and 70 per cent or more in the rest of Europe and the Americas, Asian sales fell 5 per cent as a result of currency depreciation.

Moreover, SAP said the crisis was causing a number of large customers in Japan to delay or reduce contracts.

The company said the race to fix the millennium bug before 2000 was also easing demand, as customers delayed spending on new products in order to tackle problems with their existing systems.

SAP supplies the leading software package used by large companies to manage their production, distribution and personnel functions. Demand for the software has been growing rapidly in recent years as companies increasingly bring together their computer systems under a single umbrella.

The success of so-called enterprise resource planning software in the UK has created an industry of consultancy groups who implement the software. Information technology services groups such as Druid and Diagonal have expanded rapidly by specialising in SAP.

Recently, other IT services groups such as F1 Group, Skillsgroup and Vega have announced plans to move into the ERP software business.

SAP said first half profit was hurt by a 61 per cent jump in personnel costs as it hired 4,120 new employees in the first six months of the year, with another thousand likely to be added to the payroll in the second half of the year.

The company also set aside DM35m to cover the costs of its share incentive scheme.

SAP shares, which have doubled in value since January, slipped DM7 to DM1175.



London's fashionable Pharmacy restaurant, co-owned by artist Damien Hirst, is thought to be worth £10m

Hartford in talks to buy Pharmacy

HARTFORD GROUP, the investment vehicle floated earlier this year, is negotiating to take over the fashionable Pharmacy restaurant, part-owned by the controversial artist Damien Hirst, and now built into a substantial chain of restaurants.

The Pharmacy is co-owned by Hirst, the top persons' PR man, Matthew Freud, and his business partner Jonathan Kennedy, and is already worth an estimated £10m.

BY CLIFFORD GERMAN

The property developers Nigel Wray and Nick Leslau are also major shareholders. They are also shareholders in Hartford Group but the approach to Pharmacy is being handled by Hartford's executive chairman and principal shareholder Michael Edelson, a professional deal-maker who has 27.5 per cent of the shares. Edelson is also a director of Manchester United Football Club and was instrumental in bringing both Leicester City FC and Sheffield United FC to market last year.

Hartford operates a leather goods business and a corporate hospitality business, both acquired from Prestbury Group with a turnover of around £8m and operating profits of £500,000 last year but it was always intended to make use of Mr Edelson's expertise.

Hartford shares were floated on AIM at 2p. The shares were suspended on Friday at 2.75p, valuing the company at just under £4m, after Hartford confirmed it was in acquisition talks. An all-share deal is expected to take three to four weeks.

Oil stocks surge as crude prices look set to recover

LEADING OIL stocks leapt ahead yesterday as the City predicted that crude prices had finally bottomed out, leaving oil companies undervalued.

Excitement in the oil sector, which has underperformed the market by 25 per cent since the beginning of the year, grew ahead of a signing today of more deals in the Caspian area of Azerbaijan. BP, Monument Oil & Gas and Ramco Energy are all expected to sign formal agreements at a ceremony involving the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and his Azeri counterpart, Heydar Aliyev.

Britain's biggest exploration and production company, Enterprise Oil, yesterday led the stock market charge with its shares up 26.5p to 549.5p. Cairn Energy joined the surge with its shares rising 10.5p to 269.5p, while Monument Oil & Gas and Shell also showed gains.

BY TERRY MACALISTER

The upgrades were triggered by investment notes from BT Alex.Brown and Crédit Lyonnais, which urged investors to buy Enterprise, Shell and BP.

Analysts believe the price of crude will rise in the autumn following the lead taken by Saudi Arabia in introducing further cuts in output.

Statistics from the American Petroleum Institute last week showed that inventories were at last falling. As long as the North American winter is not again exceptionally mild, experts believe crude prices could rise again to $18 per barrel.

Oil is the second-largest industry sector on the market after telecoms, but has been the worst-performing major sector. Stocks have been dragged down by crude prices which fell below $13 per barrel for Brent blend, the lowest in real terms for 25 years.

The position in the North Sea has been made worse by government indecision over planned fiscal changes and a relatively lack of good finds.

While the North Sea is maturing as an oil province, the oil sector has increasingly looked for its salvation in developing countries such as Pakistan, Angola and around the Caspian Sea.

Azerbaijan is considered the most promising of the oil-rich former Soviet nations which surround the Caspian Seas, ahead of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.

BP is today expected to sign $4bn (£2.4bn) deal to explore for oil in the offshore Abikh block, where it will hold a 15 per cent stake. No oil has yet been found, but BP said it was a "potentially important" project for the company and its partners, Statoil of Norway and the Azeri state oil group, Socar.

The major problem for those wanting to develop oil resources in the area is getting the oil transported out. Dozens of pipeline projects are planned, but all involve risk and political difficulties as they traverse countries such as Iran.

Housing market shows fresh signs of slowdown

THE REALITY of a sluggish housing market was reinforced yesterday as three separate organisations published fresh evidence of a slowdown.

The World Cup, coupled with continual hikes in interest rates, produced the most gloomy outlook for confidence in the housing market since December. In a Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors survey, only 29 per cent of surveyors had seen prices rise in the three months to the end of June. Ian Perry, RICS spokes-man, said: "Both the World Cup and the continuing upward march of interest rates have hit the market."

The survey was closely followed by figures on mortgage lending from the Council of Mortgage Lenders and the Building Societies Association.

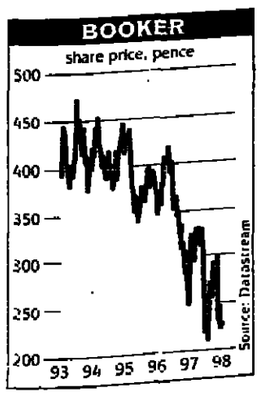
BY ANDREW VERITY

The CML said it had revised its forecasts for the market downwards because there was less buying and selling taking place than hoped. Lenders now expect prices to go up by 5.2 per cent rather than the 5.5 per cent they anticipated in early 1998. They expect total lending to amount to £84.5bn – more than in 1997. But much of the lending is due to customers remortgaging rather than buying.

Adrian Coles, director general of the Building Societies Association, said societies had lent £2,059m in June – traditionally a month that brings brisk mortgage business. "The seasonally adjusted figures are relatively low, confirming reports suggesting the housing market is slowing. Building societies have performed well but activity overall has fluctuated and the underlying trend is probably slightly downward."

The slowdown is attributed by some to the end of a squeeze on the market last year, when a surfeit of buyers combined with a small number of homes for sale caused prices to race ahead. But Mr Perry said: "A slight rise in the number of homes for sale cannot disguise the fact that the market has been subdued by speculation that interest rates might rise again."

Booker raises £72m in two sell-offs



BOOKER, the troubled cash-and-carry group which put three divisions up for sale last month after a series of profits warnings, began the disposal process yesterday when it sold its stakes in two continental European operations for £72.5m.

The buyer is Jeronimo Martins, the Portuguese group which owns the Lillywhites sports retailer. The group is buying Booker's 40 per cent stake in a Portuguese joint venture and its 17 per cent interest in a Polish operation. Both were set up in 1991 to take advantage of cash-and-carry opportunities in markets where the large supermarket groups are less dominant.

BY NIGEL COPE
Associate City Editor

Yesterday's deal is the latest in a run of disposals since Booker announced plans to concentrate on its core businesses. Last month it agreed to sell its majority rights to the work of the crime fiction writer, Agatha Christie, for £10m. Other businesses up for sale include the salmon farming operation, a feeds business in Denmark and a sugar joint venture called Fletcher Smith Booker Tate.

Commenting on the European disposals, one analyst said: "After the recent setbacks we have seen with Booker, the market has taken comfort from their ability actually to close this deal."

Booker has issued three profits warnings this year and has struggled since the purchase of the rival Nurdin & Peacock cash-and-carry operations two years ago.

Booker will use the proceeds of the Polish and Portuguese deals to reduce debts, which at the end of last year stood at a net value of £322.5m. The company said the share of net assets of the companies being sold in the 1997 group balance sheet was £4.6m, goodwill written off amounted to £30.9m and their share of pre-tax profits was £6.9m.

Due to seasonality, the effect of the deal on Booker earnings in 1998 will be slightly dilutive before exceptional profits on disposal, the company said.

COMPANY RESULTS

Name	Turnover (£)	Pre-tax (£)	EPS	Dividend	Pay day	Ex-Dividend
Aarbash (F)	1.8m (2.2m)	-0.594m (-1.133m)	-3.5p (-8.1p)	nil (nil)	–	–
Computerland (F)	20.4m (18.1m)	0.811m (0.588m)	10.0p (8.9p)	0.65p (–)	01.06.98	–
Istin Public Relation	84.9m (89.6m)	-3.4m (3.9m)	-1.7p (2.0p)	nil (nil)	–	–
Rolfe & Nolan (F)	21.7m (20.2m)	-0.894m (2.75m)	-10.2p (14.5p)	1.75p (5.5p)	–	–
Sira Business (F)	11.07m (6.86m)	0.901m (0.682m)	0.278p (0.221p)	0.099p (0.0534p)	18.09.98	27.07.98

(F) - Final (I) - Interim (N) - Nine Month † EPS is pre-exceptionals *Dividend to be paid as a PID

MAIN MOVERS

RISES

	PRICE(P)	CHG(P)	%CHG
Shire Pharm	544.50	63.00	13.09
Aston Villa Plc	529.00	47.50	10.18
BarclayStockbrs	289.00	18.00	6.14
Mecanic Plc	230.00	16.00	7.48
LJS Sports Plc	452.50	31.00	7.35
Northumbr	230.00	13.50	6.24
Hazelrock Grp	240.00	14.00	6.19
Ipotica Group	45.00	2.50	5.88
Pulse Plc	827.00	32.50	5.38
SFS Furniture C	218.00	11.00	5.37

FALLS

	PRICE(P)	CHG(P)	%CHG
Liberty Plc	170.00	-35.00	-17.10
Cortess Plc	90.00	-7.50	-9.57
Northern Leis	185.50	-8.50	-4.75
Thomson Trvl	182.00	-8.00	-4.21
Yates Brothers	417.50	-18.50	-4.62
Expressbuilder	155.50	-8.50	-4.81
Bank Scotland	713.00	-28.50	-3.84
RJB Mining	124.50	-6.00	-3.48
Philipgiles Plc	113.00	-4.00	-3.42
Babcock Intl	73.00	-2.50	-3.31

MARKET LEADERS

TOP 20 VOLUMES at 5pm

Stock	Vol.	Stock	Vol.	Stock	Vol.	Stock	Vol.
Asda Group	27.30m	Skyepharma plc	7.98m	Scottish Mac Inv	6.09m	Smithkline Beecha	5.47m
Buhi Res	14.62m	Tesco Plc	7.71m	Railtrack Group	6.04m	Norbain Foods	5.01m
Coca-Cola Beverg	11.30m	BAT Inds	7.56m	Wellington Under	6.02m		
Shell Transp - Reg	10.81m	BNI Group	7.01m	Southern Elec	5.93m		
Brit Telecom Plc	10.04m	Cable & Wireless	6.96m	Telewest Comm	5.86m		
Rugby Group	10.02m	Dana Petroleum	6.66m	Kts Capital Plc	5.60m		

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HOUR BY HOUR

Open	6074.0		11:00	6069.9	Down 4.1	15:00	6060.1	Down 13.9
9:00	6074.0	Up 0.0	12:00	6063.8	Down 10.2	16:00	6058.9	Down 5.1
10:00	6079.0	Up 5.0	13:00	6066.9	Down 7.1	Close	6079.0	Up 5.0
			14:00	6068.0	Down 6.0			

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104.29	103.21	Treasury 8% 00	102.50	-0.10	6.80	3435
140.04	107.23	Treasury 10% 04	107.44	-0.10	6.82	3097
105.45	98.88	Treasury 14% 01	99.07	-0.02		3551
102.77	99.31	Treasury 7% 01	101.13	-0.10	6.59	5287
103.59	99.38	Treasury 7% 03	101.31	-0.11	6.43	4902
112.90	100.57	Treasury 9.75% 02	111.39	-0.11	6.49	3096
108.94	101.66	Treasury 8% 09	107.17	-0.10	6.26	6407
148.28	103.52	Treasury 10% 08	146.09	-0.16	6.27	3094
114.84	102.99	Treasury 11.5% 04	113.30	-0.14	7.08	1851
111.40	86.23	Index 2.5% 04	91.75	0.63	5.11	2668
117.20	112.97	Conv 9.5% 04	117.01	-0.12	6.15	1907
105.17	97.91	Treasury 6.75% 04	103.59	-0.11	6.05	6479
120.57	113.50	Conv 9.5% 05	118.41	-0.14	6.42	6479
130.68	126.30	Treasury 12.5% 05	127.98	-0.27	6.26	2644
116.46	108.30	Treasury 8.5% 05	114.47	-0.13	6.04	3225
102.98	103.76	Treasury 7.75% 06	101.16	-0.08	5.99	3640
107.35	102.85	Treasury 8% 06	104.53	-0.05	6.70	3026
91.88	102.42	Treasury 7.5% 06	100.00	0.07	5.96	4562
112.43	109.29	Treasury 8.5% 07	111.51	-0.08	5.94	3952
114.93	111.19	Treasury 7.25% 07	109.91	-0.08	5.85	2331
126.27	114.19	Treasury 9% 08	124.00	-0.09	5.84	5404
120.01	106.93	Treasury 8% 09	117.97	-0.12	5.79	3994

LONGS

106.25	97.29	Treasury 6.25% 10	104.99	-0.07	5.76	539
108.54	96.16	Conv 9% 11	108.56	-0.18	5.83	6048
103.03	96.89	Treasury 8% 12	102.22	-0.13	5.84	5945
103.03	97.08	Treasury 8% 13	102.22	-0.13	5.84	5945
104.85	100.20	Treasury 8% 15	103.72	-0.13	5.82	6771
120.53	105.27	Treasury 7.75% 15	120.28	-3.56	5.89	1923
103.17	109.29	Treasury 8% 21	104.39	-0.15	5.84	3999
135.59	107.85	Treasury 8.75% 17	134.56	-0.13	5.84	5729
133.54	100.97	Treasury 8% 21	129.56	-0.12	5.83	5697

MEDIUMS

105.31	102.77	Conv 9% 00	102.89	-0.13	7.06	343
45.54	40.89	Treasury 6% 00	101.91	-0.07	7.00	342

Source: Bloomberg
www.bloomberg.com/uk

SHARE PRICE DATA

Prices are in sterling except where stated. Price reflects the official closing mid price. Sector movements are based on the FTSE 350. The yield is the latest twelve months' declared gross dividend as a percentage of the share price. The price-earnings (P/E) ratio is the sharepence divided by last year's earnings per share excluding extraordinary items but including exceptionals. Other details: Ex rights, x Ex-dividend, s Ex-all, s Suspended, p Partly Paid: np Nil Paid, * AIM, Gilt Source: Bloomberg

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Later starting bell rings in oil action

MARKET REPORT



DEREK PAIN

FOOTSIE EMBRACED yet another peak as the stock market attempted, unsuccessfully, to adjust to shorter trading hours. It edged ahead 5 points to 6,179, its sixth consecutive gain. But it was a day of low volume and low interest, with Footsie moving within a narrow 26.4-point band.

The decision to put the opening bell back from 8.30am to 9am seems merely to have pushed proceedings back by 30 minutes. Once again the first half-hour of order-driven trading was sluggish with many players reluctant to go on to the screen until the pattern of deals was evident.

And, confusingly, trading off the order book through the old market-making system seems to have kicked off not long after 8am, although the Stock Exchange made it clear that the "new opening time applies to the whole of the domestic equity market".

Still, rogue trades were not in evidence, although the closing price for Orange, up 32p to 719p, seemed to be a shade optimistic.

Oils provided much of the action. BT Alex.Brown offered encouraging words and Enterprise Oil topped the blue-chip leader board with a 26.5p gain to 549.5p. The investment house said oils were set to deliver a 23 per cent fall in half-time profits following a $5.5-a-barrel fall in oil prices since last year.

Cairn Energy was also strong but it was talk of an oil strike in Bangladesh which prompted the excitement. A story suggested that Cairn had struck it sufficiently rich to add 75p to its 251p net asset value.

Cairn and Irish explorer Tullow Oil have been waiting for nearly a year for the results of the latest Bangladesh bid round. Infighting between some of the companies involved has, it is thought, prevented the Bangladeshi government from granting licences. Tullow stuck at 116.5p.

Second-line shares were generally firm, with the mid cap index up 5.5 points to 5,709.2 and the small cap 2.6 up to 2,592.

Selfridges, the London department store, made a reasonable debut, ending at 236.5p after moving between 212.5p and 242p. Sears, following a consolidation, fell from 307.5p to 297.5p.

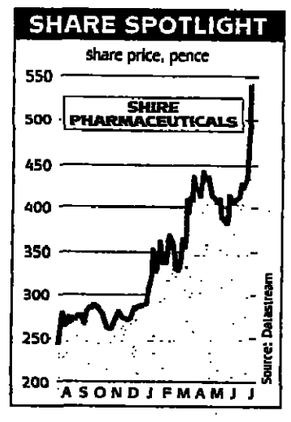
The department store had been given an anticipated range of 200p to 270p, with the possibility of takeover action behind the higher estimate. The Selfridges brand is well known and, it is felt, could attract an overseas marauder. Already this year such famous names as the Savoy Hotel and the Rolls-Royce car marque have fallen into foreign ownership. Sears shares were roughly in line with Friday's close after allowing for the Selfridges spin-off. The group still includes the Freemans mail order business, to be floated later this year.

Debenhams trading statement prompted an early 18.5p jump but the price ended unchanged at 334.5p.

A link between Allied Domecq's Victoria wine off-licence chain and Watson & Philip's Allday convenience shops chain was said to be responsible for a 23p Allied gain to 585p.

Williams, the fire protection and security group, put on 15p to 400p as CSFB described the shares as undervalued. It is looking for profits of £320.4m for this year, with £333.4m pencilled in for next: last year Williams produced £285.1m.

SHARE SPOTLIGHT



Shire Pharmaceuticals is the new hot share on the drugs pitch. The shares jumped 53p to 540.5p, a peak, following positive weekend developments on its Alzheimer's drug, galantamine, which has been developed with Johnson & Johnson, the US health care giant. The company is taking analysts to a conference in Amsterdam tomorrow. Robin Gilbert at Panmure Gordon said: "I'm anticipating we'll be getting a lot of solid and interesting data, confirming that this is a different type of Alzheimer's drug".

Sunderland, the football club, scored a 32.5p gain to 447.5p, reflecting talk of a pay-per-view deal with BSkyB. TLG, the old Thorn Lighting, firmed 3p to 120p as Wassall, the aggressive conglomerate, picked up another 2 million shares, lifting its stake to 9.15 per cent. In the past Wassall has described its TLG stake as a long-term investment.

LLP, the Lloyd's List publishing group, fell 7.5p to 250.5p, a new low. The shares were floated in April; they have been as high as 366.5p. The company, in a bid to reverse the decline, said sales for the first six months were "strongly ahead" of last year.

J Sainsbury shaded 4.5p to 525p. Retiring chairman Lord Sainsbury of Turville has sold 500,000 shares at 548p; he now has 17 per cent.

Sketchley, which sold its retail operations last week, gained 4p to 34.5p after Guinness Peat, renowned as aggressive investors, said it held 5.8 per cent.

Coutts Consulting added 4p to 34p after saying it had signed a five-year deal with the Ministry of Defence to help servicemen resettle in "civvy street".

Innovative Technology firmed 20p to 119.5p; it has clinched a deal with Boots to sell its range of wound care products which are said to staunch bleeding far more quickly that the usual array of plasters and bandages.

SEAQ VOLUME: 581.5 million
SEAQ TRADES: 59,416
GILTS INDEX: 104.55 -0.31

ISA INTERNATIONAL, the distributor of information processing equipment, put on 4p to 67.5p as David Heap, brother of deputy chairman John Heap, increased his shareholding. He acquired 1.8 million shares, lifting its stake to 18.2 per cent.

Last month David Heap, who is thought to live in the United States, moved in on ISA, buying 14.86 per cent. Directors were also avid buyers last month.

SIRA Business Services, the commercial cleaning group, achieved a 36 per cent profits advance to £901,000 last year and is on line to hit £1.5m this year.

Chairman Robert Weigl put through three takeovers last year and is looking for more this. The company, with 2,500 shareholders, is 56 per cent owned by Mr Weigl. The shares firmed 0.5p to 3.5p.

No great prospects in the Sears demerger

INVESTMENT
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IT IS A sad reflection of Sears' plight that the only way the directors could get the share price up was via a share consolidation that multiplies the price by 10.

Still, after much huffing and puffing Sears has finally demerged its Selfridges department store, allowing shareholders to judge the merits of Selfridges and the old Sears rump, which includes clothing multiples such as Miss Selfridge, Richards and Wallis.

Neither is a mouth-watering prospect. Selfridges' shares, which enjoyed a good start with a higher than expected 236.5p close, have been buoyed by the possibility of a bid and an underlying asset value of 215p per share, thanks to its ownership of the freehold on its flagship Oxford Street store.

As for bidders, it is perhaps telling that, even with venture capital groups awash with cash, no financial buyer emerged, and that management made no offer themselves. If you take out the freehold, Selfridges is making no profits and is in the midst of a major refurbishment.

On current-year forecasts of £12m the shares trade on a ludicrous forward multiple of over 30. But the £330m or so of property valuation provides a floor to the price and if it did dip much below 200p bidders could emerge.

At the Sears rump – should it be renamed Sump or Arrears? – the picture is not much brighter. After dipping 10p to 297.5p yesterday, the shares trade on a lowly rating of 12.

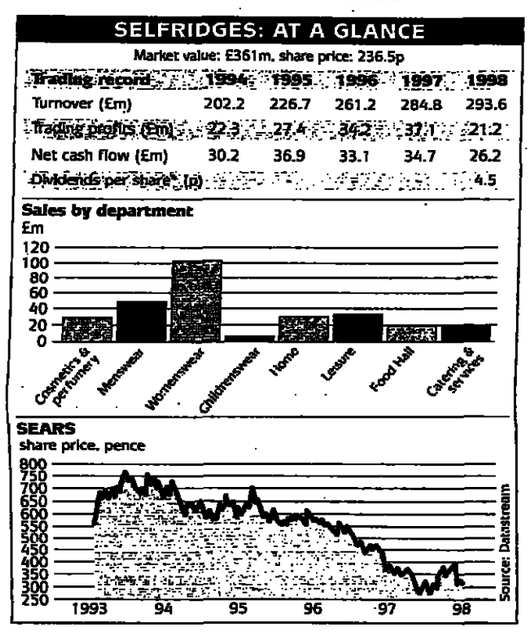
At the trading level they are backed by a collection of minor brands with a poor profit record, but also by a massive property portfolio, which puts the shares at a discount to asset value. They may be worth holding on to.

With so many other cheap retail stocks around, there is no reason to buy Sears or Selfridges. As ever, it is a case of hold on and hope.

SELFRIDGES: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £361m, share price: 236.5p

Trading record	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Turnover (£m)	202.2	226.7	261.2	284.8	293.6
Trading profits (£m)	22.3	27.4	34.2	37.1	21.2
Net cash flow (£m)	30.2	36.9	33.1	34.7	26.2
Dividends per share (p)					4.5



Best bet in the oil sector

THE SLEEPY oil sector suddenly jerked into life yesterday as investors decided the oil price slide was over. They were buoyed by the fact that Opec's latest agreement to cut crude output appears to be holding and there are signs that inventories are falling.

Nevertheless, it will take more than an oil price spike to reverse the fortunes of the smaller exploration and production companies, many of which have watched their share prices slide steadily in recent months.

Despite frequent predictions that continued oil price weakness would lead to consolidation in the sector, no bidders have shown their hands.

With the sector apparently on the turn, however, which oil stocks should investors be buying to get the benefit of the potential upside? Many investors' favourite is Hardy Oil & Gas – unchanged yesterday at 222.5p – which is on a 19 per cent discount to net asset value after an unsuccessful rights issue. But unless a bid does emerge, it's hard to see the shares recovering.

Other woeful underperformers this year have been Cairn Energy and Monument. Cairn has been dragged down by the failure of the Bangladesh government to give its expected green light to new licences. Its shares jumped 10.5p to 269.5p yesterday, but at a premium to an estimated net asset value of 218p, the shares are fairly priced.

Monument, meanwhile, has been building up a nice presence in the Caspian in addition to its UK assets. Tim Eggar, the former British Energy Minister who is Monument's new chief executive, has shown he can open doors in Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan.

It may take some time to unlock the value, but with Monument trading at a big discount to its net asset value of about 88p, the shares, up 2p yesterday to 57.75p, are investors' best bet in the oil sector. Buy.

Dalgety's pigs might fly

WHEN IT comes to creating shareholder value, Ken Hanna's record is hard to beat. When he took over as chief executive of Dalgety last September, it was a struggling food group. In the next few months Mr Hanna flogged off four of Dalgety's five divisions, returned £675m to shareholders, and left behind the improbably named but fast-expanding Pig Improvement Company. Under his tenure, the share price almost doubled.

Given their recent experience investors might take yesterday's news that Mr Hanna plans to step down in September as a signal to sell. But that would be a mistake. Despite its Orwellian moniker, PIC is the world market leader in the field of pig breeding and growth prospects are tremendous. Apart from its core businesses, where profits are expanding at close to 20 per cent a year, PIC is also a play on the rising power of genetics.

This contentious area will swallow up increasing amounts of PIC's cash flow in the next few years as the company searches for the secret to producing the perfect porker. PIC spent £5m on the field in the year to last June, and will boost that budget by 33 per cent a year for each of the next five years.

Whether investors will see a return on that investment is unclear. But the core business more than justifies the current share price. On a forward multiple of 31 times forecast June 1999 earnings and the prospect of a heavily promoted US listing, the shares, down 0.5p to 203p yesterday, still offer plenty of upside. Buy.

IN BRIEF

Elizabeth Hunt sold for £14m

SPRING GROUP, the staff recruitment and training group, paid £14.05m in cash and shares for Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants, a privately-owned provider of supply teachers and support staff.

EIHRC's main shareholder, Della Klein, will stay with the business, which will be integrated into Spring. Knowledge Universe, a private US company backed by Larry Ellison, chief executive of Oracle, and Michael Milken of junk-bond fame, will subscribe for new shares worth £13.8m to maintain its 48.3 per cent stake in Spring.

WPP bond issue

WPP GROUP has completed its debut $300m bond offering. The company issued $200m (£180m) of 6.625 per cent notes due 2005 and $100n of 6.875 per cent notes due 2008. WPP said the offering was raised by $50m due to investor demand. Net proceeds will be used to repay existing facilities and for corporate purposes.

Offer for Beales

THE INDUSTRIAL refrigeration group, Beales Hunter, has advised shareholders to accept a cash offer of 110p a share made by plastics mouldings group Stadium on 6 July. The offer values the group at £11.7m.

Ocean overhaul

OCEAN GROUP is to reorganise its logistics business as MSAS Global Logistics, the company said. MSAS will have four regions: Western and Southern Europe, Scandinavia, Africa, Middle East; Central and Eastern Europe; South and East Asia; and Americas/Pacific.

Digital Pearson

MEDIA COMPANY Pearson's TV division has bought 12 per cent of Digital Broadcasting Company (DBC). DBC, established by St James's Investment Partnership, aims to launch a digital pay-movie service next year.

BBC stock takes a bit of a knock

PEOPLE AND BUSINESS
BY JOHN WILLCOCK



IF THE BBC sees itself as a provider of financial advice and information, God help us all.

The Beeb has sent me a press release about a new financial quiz, *Easy Money*, which kicks off on BBC 1 on 3 August. The programme will feature a host of celebrities and Alice Beer, who will make her debut as a quiz mistress.

Ms Beer, who also presents BBC 1's *Watchdog Health-Check* every Monday, says that the series made her realise there were a few gaps in her knowledge. "One of the most eye-opening things I noticed is that buying shares in the companies which sell you financial products is often better than buying the products themselves. For example, shares in Nationwide have done better than a Nationwide Tessa," she says.

Shares in Nationwide, eh? Obviously Brian Davis has quietly converted his building society to plc status without telling anyone. Except Ms Beer, that is.

Our heroine's quote on the press release continues: "What's also interesting is how much the studio audiences knew about finance – often much more than the guests."

And the quiz mistress, one would hope. Personally, I'm just off to buy some shares in the BBC ...

WHAT A difference talk of a Cabinet reshuffle makes. Last year the Institute of Public Policy Research, (IPPR) a centre-left think tank, invited Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, to speak at a conference.

The IPPR waited months for a reply, only to receive a ministerial brush-off.

This year, the IPPR wanted the President of the Board of Trade, Margaret Beckett, for a fringe meeting at a conference – and she said yes within three weeks. They even got an unsolicited e-mail from Chris Smith's office saying he was "available for meetings and conferences". I wonder if he does weddings and birthday parties as well?

WHAT A career – monk, boss of Thomas Cook, head of Lloyd's of London, chief executive of Salomon Smith Barney in the UK, then finally – chairman of the Football League.

Such a glittering CV could only belong to one man, Peter Middleton, who at the age of 58 has picked up the footy job in time for his retirement from Salomons at the end of the month.

Mr Middleton managed a short stint as a director of Chelsea Football Club a few years ago. But his lifelong allegiance is to Middlesbrough, or Boro as its fans call the club.

Last season Boro were promoted from League Division One to the Premier League – which is outside Mr Middleton's new jurisdiction. Not to worry. I am assured by football "experts" that Boro will be back under Mr Middleton's wing by the end of next season.

SIR DENYS HENDERSON is to be succeeded as chairman of PIC International Group – the old Dalgety – by Brian Baldock of Marks & Spencer. As the pig breeding company relocates from England to the university town of Berkeley in California, so Keith Hanna is stepping aside as chief executive to be succeeded by Dr Phil David, an old Dalgety hand.

Andrew Allner, the finance director at PIC, will move to California by the end of the year. The group will retain a small London office under Brian Gandy, the company secretary.

Now Sir Denys will have more time to devote to Rank, where he is executive chairman. He will have his work cut out reversing the wholesale destruction of shareholder value at the atrophied leisure conglomerate.

STELIOS HAJI-IOANNOU, the exuberant chairman of EasyJet, the UK-based budget airline, is offering a free Athens-London round trip to anyone who turns up to support it in Athens today when the airline faces a court case brought by Greek travel agents.

EasyJet has caused a stir by running an advertisement which urges travellers to "cut out the travel agent" by buying tickets direct from the airline.

Four Greek travel agencies have filed suit against EasyJet and called for colleagues to support them at the courthouse, in what they describe as "the fight of our lives".

Mr Haji-Ioannou is drumming up his own backing in the UK. "Those who come and support the company will receive a letter they can exchange in two months for a round-trip Athens-London ticket," he says.

EasyJet's one-way Athens-London fare is already only £69, a third of the price of Olympic Airways.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hamish Norton, a managing director of Lazard Freres in New York, whose wife had their first child last week. In the middle of phone calls at work he was e-mailing photos of the child to anyone he was talking to.

This was nothing compared to the hi-tech service relations were given. Mr Norton photographed the bonny baby with his digital camera as soon as it appeared, then plugged into his PC and e-mailed pictures to grandparents within 10 minutes of the birth.

It all gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "speed to market".

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Country	Sterling Spot	1 month	3 month	Dollar Spot	1 month	3 month	D-Mark Spot
UK	1.0000			0.6065	0.6075	0.6095	0.3407
Australia	2.6157	2.6119	2.6041	1.5864	1.5867	1.5872	0.8911
Austria	20.657	20.619	20.545	12.529	12.526	12.522	7.0375
Belgium	60.569	60.361	59.958	36.735	36.669	36.544	20.635
Canada	2.4532	2.4477	2.4372	1.4878	1.4870	1.4854	0.8358
Denmark	11.193	11.160	11.096	6.7885	6.7795	6.7630	3.8132
ECU	1.4876	1.5739	1.4746	1.1084	1.0459	1.1127	0.8458
Finland	8.9275	8.8957	8.8371	5.4146	5.4041	5.3862	3.0415
France	9.834	9.798	9.732	5.9641	5.9525	5.9319	3.3501
Germany	2.9353	2.9248	2.9051	1.7803	1.7768	1.7707	1.0000
Greece	486.56	488.68	492.13	295.10	296.87	299.95	165.76
Hong Kong	12.775	12.779	12.758	7.7482	7.7629	7.7759	4.3523
Ireland	1.1673	1.1661	1.1632	1.4125	1.4116	1.4105	0.7934
Italy	2895.2	2888.7	2874.6	1756.0	1754.8	1752.1	986.35
Japan	229.18	227.74	225.09	139.00	138.35	137.19	78.079
Malaysia	6.8521	6.9396	7.1055	4.1558	4.2158	4.3308	2.3344
Mexico	14.481			8.7830			4.9336
Netherlands	3.3106	3.2985	3.2761	2.0079	2.0038	1.9968	1.1279
New Zealand	3.1227	3.1163	3.1036	1.8931	1.8916	1.8916	0.2966
Norway	12.395	12.370	12.323	0.5280	7.5175	7.5150	7.5106
Portugal	300.28	299.44	297.71	182.13	181.91	181.45	4.2227
Saudi Arabia	6.1838	6.1769	6.1633	3.7505	3.7525	3.7565	102.30
Singapore	2.7997	2.8091	2.7949	1.6980	1.7065	1.7035	2.1067
South Africa	10.2716	10.4153	10.6354	6.2298	6.3273	6.4823	0.9538
Spain	249.20	248.51	247.14	151.14	150.97	150.63	3.4994
Sweden	13.028	13.014	12.915	7.9015	7.9061	7.8717	84.898
Switzerland	2.4826	2.4706	2.4485	1.5057	1.5009	1.4924	4.4384
US	1.6488			1.0000			0.8458
							0.5617

OTHER SPOT RATES

Country	Sterling	Dollar	Country	Sterling	Dollar
		1.0000	Oman	0.6265	0.3800
Argentina	1.6488	1.1604	Pakistan	76.587	46.450
Brazil	1.9133	8.2798	Phillipines	68.590	41.600
China	13.652	31.370	Poland	5.6805	3.4453
Czech Rep	51.723	3.3958	Qatar	6.0012	3.6398
Egypt	5.5990	2332.5	Russia	10253.9	6219.0
Ghana	3845.8	216.00	South Korea	2125.3	1289.00
Hungary	356.14	42.495	Taiwan	56.455	34.240
India	70.066	14775.0	Thailand	67.518	40.950
Indonesia	24361.0	0.3065	Turkey	473189	286990
Kuwait	0.5064	85.500	UAE	6.0181	3.6500
Nigeria	140.97				

INTEREST RATES

UK		Germany		US		Japan	
Base	7.50%	Discount	2.50%	Prime	8.50%	Discount	0.50%
France		Lombard	4.50%	Discount	5.00%	Belgium	
Intervention	3.30%	Canada		Fed Funds	5.50%	Discount	2.75%
Italy		Prime	6.50%	Spain		Central	3.30%
Discount	5.00%	Discount	5.00%	10-d Repo	4.25%	Switzerland	
Netherlands		Denmark		Sweden		Discount	1.00%
SpAdvance	3.30%	Discount	3.75%	Repo(Ave)	4.10%	Lombard	4.00%

BOND YIELDS

Country	3 mth	chg	1 yr	chg	2 yr	chg	5 yr	chg	10 yr	chg
Australia	4.99	0.07	4.96	-0.03	5.09	-0.04	5.33	-0.01	5.57	-0.01
Belgium	3.61	0.00	3.82	-0.03	4.04	0.01	4.35	0.02	4.91	0.01
Canada	4.87	-0.02	5.18	-0.02	5.21	-0.02	5.28	-0.04	5.36	-0.04
ECU	4.13	0.00	4.10	0.00	3.94	-0.01	4.43	0.00	4.83	-0.01
France	0.00	0.00	3.68	0.04	4.00	-0.01	4.39	-0.01	4.79	-0.02
Germany	3.53	0.00	3.81	0.00	3.91	-0.01	4.37	-0.02	4.68	-0.01
Italy	4.48	-0.13	4.32	0.00	4.31	-0.02	4.61	-0.02	4.99	-0.02
Japan	0.44	0.00	0.49	0.00	0.58	0.00	1.08	0.00	1.74	0.00
NYands	3.50	0.00	3.81	0.02	3.98	0.00	4.34	0.00	4.77	0.00
Spain	4.17	0.00	4.02	0.00	4.12	0.00	4.50	-0.01	4.94	-0.01
Sweden	4.16	0.01	4.15	0.00	4.24	0.00	4.56	-0.01	4.93	0.00
Stand	2.13	0.00	2.36	0.02	2.29	0.00	2.61	0.01	3.21	-0.02
UK	7.35	0.00	7.89	0.01	6.84	0.05	6.27	0.03	5.84	0.00
US	4.99	-0.01	5.08	0.00	5.45	-0.01	5.46	-0.03	5.47	-0.03

MONEY MARKET RATES

	Overnight Bid	Offer	1 week Bid	Offer	1 month Bid	Offer	3 months Bid	Offer	6 months Bid	Offer	1 year Bid	Offer
Treasury Bills					7.35	7.25	7.45	7.35				
LIBOR												
Domestic Depos	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.38	7.41	7.47	7.63	7.69	7.72	7.78	7.787	7.84
Eurosterling Deps	7.25	7.38	7.34	7.41	7.44	7.50	7.63	7.69	7.72	7.78	7.787	7.84
Eligible Bank Bills					7.40	7.32	7.50	7.42	7.50	7.42		
Sterling CDs					7.44	7.38	7.70	7.62	7.77	7.67	7.817	7.71
Eurodollar CDs					5.53		5.56		5.63			
ECU Deposits					3.97	4.09	3.97	4.09	3.97	4.09		

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LIFFE FINANCIAL FUTURES

Contract		Settlement	High	Low	Est floor volume	Open interest
Long Gilt	Sep-98	108.45	108.62	108.28	28620.00	148148.00
5 Yr Gilt	Sep-98	103.04	103.04	103.04	10.00	2567.00
German Bund	Sep-98	108.94	109.08	108.71	3477.00	64918.00
Italian Bond	Sep-98	120.89	121.10	120.69	12518.00	98345.00
Japan Govt Bd	Sep-98	131.70	131.78	131.67	357.00	0.00
3 Mth Sterling	Sep-98	92.16	92.18	92.14	22501.00	187030.00
	Dec-98	92.21	92.22	92.19	24240.00	189564.00
3 Mth Euromark	Aug-98	96.44	---	---	---	11830.00
	Sep-98	96.40	96.40	96.39	18974.00	465945.00
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ENERGY AT 5:30PM

Brent Crude($/barrel)				Gas oil($/tonne)				WTI Crude($/barrel)			Products($/tonne)		
IPE	Last*	Chg	Vol	IPE	Close	Chg	Vol	NYM	Last*	Chg	Spot CIF NW Eur		
Sep	12.70-0.10		12766	Aug	114.75-1.75		4533	Aug	13.78	-0.21	Gasoline 95		165.00
Oct	13.08-0.16		2371	Sep	118.25-2.25		2623	Aug	13.78	-0.21	Naphtha		130.50
Nov	13.43-0.13		1415	Oct	122.75-1.50		899	Sep	14.11	-0.20	Gasoil		114.50
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GOLDMAN SACHS COMMODITY INDICES AT 5:30PM

	BASE DATE	LAST	CHG	%CHG	31 DEC	%CHGYTD
Index	1970=100	149.34	-1.27	-0.84	215.26	-30.62
Agricultural	1970=100	195.25	-0.55	-0.28	231.23	-15.56
Energy	1983=100	51.69	-0.67	-1.28	85.86	-39.80
Ind Metals	1977=100	142.29	0.00	0.00	168.79	-15.70
Livestock	1970=100	153.53	-2.03	-1.30	191.03	-19.63
Prec Metals	1973=100	398.06	0.53	0.13	463.54	-14.13

INDUSTRIAL METALS

LME ($/tonne)	Cash		Chg	3 month		Chg	LME stocks	Chgs
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Copper A	1698	1699	27.50	1716	1717	27	251300	2200
Lead	536	537	-5.50	536.5	537	-2	106700	750
Nickel	4395	4400	75.00	4455	4460	75	60276	114
Tin	5710	5720	70.00	5520	5530	20	6330	25
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PRECIOUS METALS

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Palladium	347.00	7.00	165.00	Palladium	210.70	3.40	102.00	Sovs	69.04	
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AGRICULTURAL AT 5:30PM

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Dec98	1120.00	Nov98	1535.00	Jan99	74.75	Apr99	145.00	Jun99	591.00
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Oct98	257.50	Aug98	857.00	Sep98	71.60	Sep98	232.25	Aug98	27.50
Dec98	259.00	Oct98	969.00	Nov98	73.20	Dec98	236.75	Sep98	---
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OTHER SPOTS AT 5:30PM

Aug	Live Cattle	(CME) $/40k lb	61.70	Jul	White Maize	(SAF) $/100 mt 744.00
Aug	Pork Bellies	(CME) $/40k lb	53.95	Jul	Rubber	(TOM) Y/ 5k kg 104.60
Sep	Orange Juice	(CTN) $/15k lb	104.00	Dec	Cotton	(CTN) $/50k lb 74.31
Jul	Milk	(CSC) $/50k lb	...	Aug	Crude Palm	(KLC) $/25 tn 2434.00
Sep	Oats	(CBT) $/5k bsh	119.75	Dec	Soya Oil	(CBT) $/60k lb 24.72
Nov	Flax	(WCE) $/20 m	311.00	Jul	Woollen Yarn	(TOM) $/500kg 1255.00

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The 127th Open Championship: The very young amateur and the relatively old pro ensure a memorable tournament

Vintage O'Meara reaches maturity

BY ANDY FARRELL
at Royal Birkdale



Mark O'Meara, his caddy, and offspring celebrate victory in the Open at Royal Birkdale on Sunday, his second major of the season *David Ashdown*

THE LASTING memory of a memorable Open Championship must be the roar that greeted Justin Rose's last stroke as an amateur. The thunderous eruption from the grandstands at the 18th rocked the nearby media centre, the wait for the television pictures to catch up with the live action unbearable.

Golf may appear fuddy-duddy – a man wins a Lamborghini for a lucky hole-in-one and is banished from the game – but where else can a 17-year-old amateur compete against the best professionals in the world? Rose, bidding to become the youngest winner since Young Tom Morris in 1868, finished two strokes outside the four-hole play-off in which Mark O'Meara beat Brian Watts by two strokes on Sunday.

"The golf ball sitting on the ground doesn't know how old you are," said O'Meara after becoming the oldest man in modern times to win two majors in a season. O'Meara had created a comfortable life for his family well before he reached his forties, but at 41 his golfing career has suddenly achieved a higher plane.

"If I could put my finger on it, I'd have done it earlier in my career," said the man whose sideboard will bulge with the Masters trophy as well as the claret jug. "It is just not that easy. I think it's maturity and time, just a little bit of patience and realising to just hang in there. Usually, when I have the chance to get the job done, I have got it done. Today was very, very special."

After Ian Baker-Finch won at Birkdale seven years ago, the Australian offered the man with whom he had played the final round a drink from the trophy. Yesterday, O'Meara flew back to Orlando with Tiger Woods, whose own excellent finish of three birdies in the last four holes left him one shot away from the play-off. "If Tiger wants a sip from the claret jug then he's more than welcome," O'Meara said, "because I imagine his name will be on this trophy some day too."

Woods, the world No 1, was using a putter discarded by O'Meara. "What did he finish? One back, that's why it is the back-up putter," the winner said. Their relationship, cemented for life when Woods put a green jacket on the shoulders of a friend 19 years older, has been a big factor in O'Meara's success.

"Tiger has been a driving force for me. To go out and play with such a young talented player who has taken the game to another level has helped everybody work on their games and I've used that to my advantage.

"He has pushed me a little bit. You know, Tiger keeps saying to my friends: 'Mark can really play and he doesn't get the recognition he deserves'. I'm not looking for that. I would as soon let him be in the limelight. As I said after Augusta, I think I'm a very nice player but I don't classify myself as a great player.

"Jack Nicklaus, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, you can go down the list, players who have won a lot of major championships and been incredible ambassadors to the game.

"I consider myself a consistent player, a player that tries his best at all times. I try to treat my fellow competitors with the utmost respect and, maybe because of that, good things happen."

In a word perfect champion's speech – always "the Open", not "the British Open" – O'Meara paid tribute to Rose by calling his achievement "phenomenal". He added: "I know at 17 there was no way I could even come close to playing like that. It goes to show the game is changing. More and more young players are coming on board. Kids are good players at an earlier age, even faster now.

"They have good technique, they are well taught, they're strong and the intimidation factor is not there. A lot of it is to do with the media attention the game has received over the last 10 years. The growth of the game has helped to promote younger players.

"There are so many international players throughout the world who have risen their game to an incredible level to make it a worldwide game. That's why this championship is itself recognised throughout the world as a great, great championship. It is incredibly gratifying to know my name is on the trophy. If you look at the names that have won the Open Championship and the golf courses that they've won on, it is a tremendous honour."

As well as Birkdale staging a dramatic, event-packed Open, Sir Michael Bonallack agreed that the stature of the championship has possibly never been higher. "The players are the ones who make the championship and we get all the best players in the world," he said.

The event is beamed to all corners of the globe and with Watts in contention, leading almost for three days, the television audience in Japan was a record.

Rose's performance, the best by an amateur for 45 years, was all the more notable for the relative absence of the leading home players on the leaderboard. Raymond Russell tied with Rose for fourth place, but Nick Faldo and Lee Westwood sunk over the weekend while Colin Montgomerie was watching the last two rounds at home on television.

Montgomerie's Open record continues to bemuse and frustrate, but just now it would appear some technical faults have crept in during the 10 months he has been without a coach. But Europe's five-time No 1 should not panic. He is only 35, at which age O'Meara still had six years to wait before reaching nirvana.

"I am taking three weeks off and I am going to spend time with my family," O'Meara said. "I will savour this victory as much, if not more, than what happened at Augusta."

Choice of tours for Watts

BRIAN WATTS was last night contemplating a dream come true – even after losing a play-off for the Open Championship.

The 32-year-old American was beaten by his compatriot Mark O'Meara at Royal Birkdale after they had tied on level par after four rounds.

And although the £188,000 prize-money will not make up for missing out on a first major title, it will allow Watts to compete again on the US Tour.

The Montreal-born player has earned a living on the Japanese Tour for the last five years, unable to afford a house and living in hotels for weeks at a time.

Ten victories in Asia have given him a good standard of living, but with his home in Oklahoma he has longed to return to the United States, and now he has his chance – if he decides to take it.

"I haven't even thought about it, to be honest," said Watts, ranked 35th in the world before the tournament began: "I guess I'll make up my mind some other time. I've no idea how much money I won. Hopefully I gained some respect for the Japanese Tour.

"A lot of people have been writing bad things about Jumbo Ozaki. I can tell you he's a much better player than I am. For people to say 'the guys over there aren't good', those people don't come over and watch the play.

"If you would have told me I'd have been in a play-off at the Open Championship at the beginning of the week I wouldn't have believed you."

O'Meara had no doubt that Watts has what it takes to make it on the tour – he won just £40,000 back in 1991 – and graciously added: "I've played with Brian two or three times and he's a very fine player.

"His record in Japan is tremendous and now the world knows what kind of player Brian Watts is. I think he would be welcomed on the tour and would be an excellent addition."

Tale of the priceless amateur

Justin Rose won the silver medal and all the acclaim to stun the golfing world. By **Tim Glover**

WHEN JUSTIN ROSE walked into the clubhouse after what had looked like a school field trip, the crowd rose to him as one. The applause was deafening, the appreciation for an extraordinary achievement spontaneous and heartfelt.

An hour earlier Rose had prompted a huge roar from the massed ranks around the 18th green by chipping in from 45 yards for a birdie three. "It was a tough shot out of the rough and over a bunker and I told my caddy I was going to go for it. I could have bailed out but I had nothing to lose. I couldn't believe it. It was one of those incredible moments."

For the 127th Open, the old silver claret jug was already overflowing with a rare vintage and about the only thing missing was that Rose's miraculous chip did not get him into the play-off. As it was, his final shot as an amateur was etched into the memory as emphatically as his name had been engraved on the silver medal that he received as the championship's leading amateur.

Leading amateur? Of the original field of 156 of the world's best golfers, only three professionals – Mark O'Meara, Brian Watts and Tiger Woods – finished ahead of Rose. And the 17-year-old (he will be 18 on 30 July) had battled through two rounds of final qualifying at the adjoining Hillside Course. There, a double bogey at the second hole seemed to put him in danger of not qualifying, but he turned to a Hampshire reporter (the Rose family live in Hook) and said: "Don't worry". "In hindsight, that was great preparation," Rose said. "It was quite gruelling."

In his gracious winner's speech, O'Meara described Rose's performance as phenomenal, a word that has become synonymous with the 22-year-old Woods. O'Meara was not exaggerating.

Sir Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal & Ancient who was once Britain's leading amateur, was joint 21st at Carnoustie in 1968 and joint 22nd at Birkdale in 1971 but he did not break 70 on either occasion. When Woods finished joint 22nd at Royal Lytham two years ago, winning the silver medal as leading amateur, it was considered a notable achievement. Justin rose to the challenge with rounds of 72, 66, 75 and 69.

When the Open returns to Carnoustie next year, the R & A, not to mention the USPGA, will be hoping that the Rose-Woods rivalry will once again be a feature of the championship. For once, Jack Nicklaus was not missed.

Had he turned professional a week earlier, Rose would have received a cheque for £70,000 for his Open exploits. "I don't regret it one little bit," he said.

Tomorrow, he will be at Hilversum, near Amsterdam, for the TNT Dutch Open, having received an invitation from the sponsors. On Sunday evening he and his father, Ken, who will continue to nurture Rose's career, signed a contract with Carnegie, an Edinburgh based company that will find him sponsors (not the most difficult job in the world) and manage his affairs.

The relationship did not get off to the smoothest of starts, the men from Carnegie were refused entry to Rose's press conference on Sunday because they didn't have the right accreditation.

"The whole week was unbelievable," Rose said. "I was put at ease by the crowd. The incredible support I had didn't give me time to be nervous. I had a lot of fun and luckily I played well."

Strolling around the links like Just William, Rose did a lot of smiling which endeared him to the galleries. Few people expected the teenager to remain on the leaderboard, but he appeared to view the pressure of the occasion through rose-tinted glasses. He had the game and the temperament to cope with one of the most dramatic final rounds in the championship's history.

"To tell you the truth I wasn't surprised that my swing held up. I think it's technically pretty sound. In that kind of situation it's your mental state that is the tell-tale sign. At the beginning of the week I just wanted to be part of it. I didn't realise I would be such a part of it. Going up the 18th I almost had the feeling of being the winner."

As for Tiger, he proved he could tame a classic links course and but for a three-putt on the first he could well have deprived his friend O'Meara of the title. There was another change in Woods. Twelve months ago unpaid volunteers from the Army Golf Society, who have the considerable responsibility of ensuring the world No 1 has a safe and unhindered passage through the Open, were not impressed when he left Troon without so much as a "thank you". On Sunday, Woods was full of praise for his escort party and presented them with autographed items from his locker.

The Army boys have done such a good job they have been invited to perform a similar role in next year's US Open at Pinehurst, North Carolina. On the evidence of Birkdale, the Rose show has a chance of rivalling Tigermania.



The performance of Justin Rose, the 17-year-old amateur, was described by the 41-year-old winner, Mark O'Meara, as 'phenomenal' *David Ashdown*

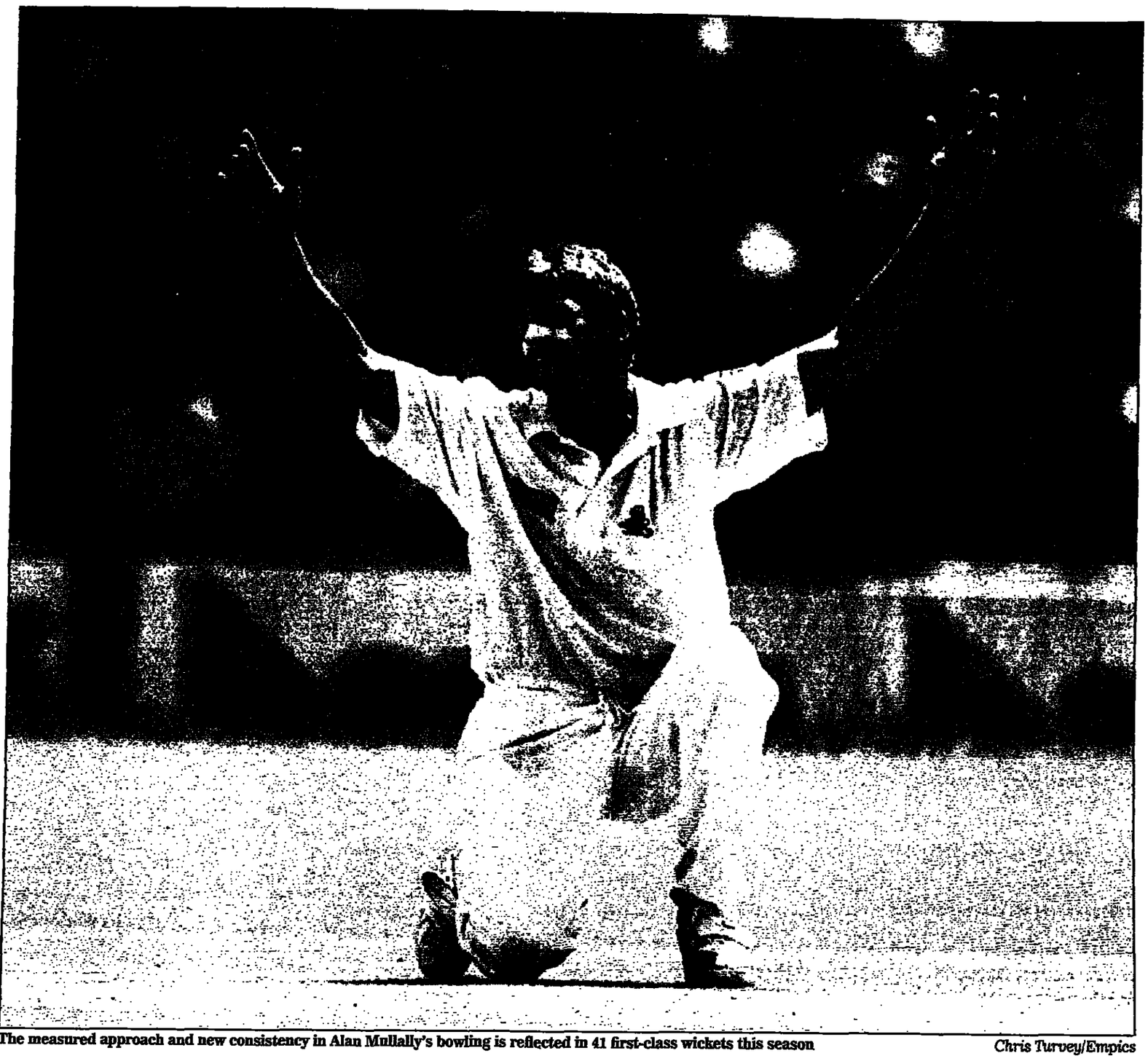
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Mullally buckles down to his task



The measured approach and new consistency in Alan Mullally's bowling is reflected in 41 first-class wickets this season — *Chris Turvey/Empics*

Leicestershire's left-armer pace bowler has won an England recall by working on his game. By **Jon Culley**

SEVERAL THEORIES may be put to the test should Alan Mullally be selected among a trio of possible Test comebacks at Trent Bridge. One concerns the claim that the magnificent and vast new grandstand at the Radcliffe Road end is causing the ball to swing considerably more than previously, another that the Leicestershire left-armer is a much better bowler than when he won his last cap, some 18 months ago.

A third, which applies also to Graeme Hick and Ian Salisbury, is that there is merit in England's habitual tendency to take up old, discarded choices, give them a tweak and expect them to work again.

At least there is no argument over the middle one. The measured approach and new consistency in Mullally's bowling is reflected in 41 first-class wickets at 18.14 runs each this season and a fulsome endorsement from Leicestershire's shrewd and wise cricket manager, Jack Birkenshaw.

"He is thinking a lot more about his bowling and given himself more control by reducing his run-up, although he is still quick," Birkenshaw said. "He has a beautiful action and swings it both ways but the real bonus is that he does not have the bad days that he used to have. He has bowled well and consistently all season."

The secret is probably nothing more complicated than the priceless benefit of maturity. Now 29, he has worked off the raw edges of youth and worked out how to play the game. Most cricketers with a modicum of intelligence will get there in the end, to the point at which they realise where they had been wasting their ability in the past.

"When I was a kid I reckoned that if I could bowl as fast as Dennis Lillee or Bob Willis, then I'd play Test cricket," he said. "Eventually, it dawned on me that there is a bit more to it than that."

If he has a role model now, it is Wasim Akram, the master of his art, the left-armer's left-armer. Heroes do not really fit in with Mullally's relaxed, languid approach to life but Pakistan's great all-rounder comes as close as any. When Wasim expressed approving noises about his reshaped action earlier this season, Mullally felt hugely proud.

Although born in Southend, Mullally was raised in Perth, Western Australia, and retained little obvious sign of his English roots. Loose limbed, with a slow, loping stride, this tall bleached blond looks every inch a son of the surf. His favourite expression, at one time at least, was "go with the flow", which seemed to capture his philosophy perfectly.

Appearances, however, can be deceptive. Had he gone with the flow when England cast him adrift, one Test into the New Zealand tour the winter before last, he might easily have washed up amid the flotsam of the county game, never again to be considered for higher duty. Instead, he took stock of what he had done right and wrong in a nine-Test career, and buckled down.

Even so, it was in part chance that brought about the changes that have proved so beneficial. "At Leicester, the guys used to tell me I was a more effective bowler off a shorter run-up and I was forced into it by a bit of a knee injury last season. I worked on it during the winter and it has meant I have a lot more control. I get closer to the stumps and I'm a lot better balanced at the point of delivery.

"Wasim gave me a bit of advice last season, explaining the way he holds the ball to get inswing, and when he saw me earlier this season he came up to me and said he thought my action was looking good.

"He is a superb bloke as well as a great cricketer and for him to say something like that meant a lot to me."

A winter's work in the weights room at the gym brought about startling physical changes, adding four inches to his chest measurement, but the subtle differences in his mental approach have been equally important, if not more so.

"I accepted that the name of the game was not necessarily to bowl quick but to get people out, so I started to think about what I was doing much more than I had before. Now if I'm taking a bit of punishment, I try to look at the situation rationally and fix it. You have try different things, to mix it up a bit."

Delighted though he is in winning recognition anew, his place in the squad clinched when he took 5 for 62 against Northamptonshire last week with David Graveney and Graham Gooch watching, Mullally still gives the impression sometimes that he could take it or leave it.

There is a suspicion that this has not always gone down well with those in a position to influence his career but Birkenshaw insists the outer shell conceals a depth of character not always obvious.

"He looks a bit casual but he is a generous lad and he cares deeply about his cricket and about other people.

"He has had his ups and downs with England but perhaps they did not understand him as well as we do."

Should the new geography of Trent Bridge have the anticipated effect, perhaps this time Mullally will be around long enough to put that right.

Klusener's tour curtailed by ankle injury

BY JON CULLEY

Derbyshire 337 and 337-4
South Africa 453-9
Match drawn

SOUTH AFRICA'S preparations for the fourth Test at Trent Bridge on Thursday, which concluded with a draw here yesterday, were overshadowed by the news that the all-rounder Lance Klusener will miss the remainder of the tour because of his ankle injury.

The 26-year-old from Natal, who sustained the injury in the third Test, flew home to Pretoria last week amid hopes that a specialist examination would clear him to return, possibly even to play at Nottingham.

But those hopes had to be abandoned yesterday when a tendon in his left foot was found to be so badly damaged that he will not play again until October at the earliest. He will have surgery next week and his foot will be in plaster for four weeks.

The injury means that apart from the remainder of the current tour, Klusener is also ruled out of the Commonwealth Games in autumn. The hope is that he will be fit for South Africa's series against the West Indies, starting in November.

A decision on a replacement has not yet been made. South Africa had already resigned themselves to starting without Klusener at Trent Bridge but have a further Test to come, as well as the triangular series against England and Sri Lanka.

Bob Woolmer, the South African coach, said: "It is disappointing for Lance because he has had a good tour, but at least we know what the problem is."

After toying with Derbyshire's bowlers on Sunday, the tourists were unable to turn a substantial first-innings lead into victory here yesterday. Not only did the county side overturn a deficit of 116, they then batted through the day for the loss of only four wickets to attain an honourable draw.

Derbyshire have a good recent record against touring sides, having beaten New Zealand in 1994, India two years later and Australia last summer. There was never much chance of their claiming another victim here, however, despite the lure of an £11,000 prize, after the South Africans had chosen to put in some batting practice on Sunday rather than open up the contest by declaring in arrears.

Given that the South African line-up, with the exception of Allan Donald, will almost certainly be the one England will face in Nottingham, this was a good effort by Derbyshire, who in contrast were considerably below full strength.

They had Michael Slater to thank in the main, the Australian opener recapturing his best form with a superb 185 in the first innings, which narrowly shaded Hansie Cronje's 195 as the highlight of the three days, and which he followed with 63 before an attempt to dispatch Paul Adams with a square cut resulted instead in a catch behind the wicket.

In contrast with their first innings, rescued only when the tail joined forces with Slater to engineer a recovery, Derbyshire had others to stand in the tourists' way. Matthew Cassar, who made a century against Sussex in May, enhanced his reputation with an unbeaten 91, but not enough to displace Michael May as man of the hour.

May, in his third season, is some way from establishing his credentials, yet his own record against touring sides is extraordinary. His 101 here yesterday followed an unbeaten 107 against Pakistan A last summer and gave him an aggregate of 450 runs in six completed innings against overseas visitors, including 67 against the senior Australians in 1997.

He enjoyed some luck yesterday. Dropped off Shaun Pollock on 25, he revealed a knack for getting four off the bottom edge more than once, much to the frustration of Makhaya Ntini, who at least gained some revenge when May, having reached 101 from 201 balls with 14 fours, edged the next delivery into Boucher's gloves.

Salisbury supported by prayer

IAN SALISBURY returns to the Test arena at Trent Bridge this week with a host of well-wishers and with his Surrey spin-partner Saqlain Mushtaq praying for him.

Saqlain rang the leg-spinner yesterday morning to tell him he had also instructed his parents back in Lahore to pray for his friend.

Much has been written this season about Salisbury's debt to the Australian Terry Jenner, the leg-spin guru of Shane Warne who gave the 28-year-old vital coaching last winter. But Salisbury's battle back to the top, after almost two years out of the international scene, has also been about his own mental strength and the support of family and friends.

The partnership he has forged with Saqlain, both on and off the field, has been a big factor in his re-emergence as a Test-class bowler.

"I've been aware of a lot of goodwill towards me in recent weeks and I think a few people have changed their opinions about me as a cricketer," Salisbury said.

Salisbury, who made his England debut in 1992, now has the maturity not to be self-conscious about his Test record of just 18 wickets from nine games at an average of 64.

Bowling regularly with the Pakistani off-spinner, the pair have helped to push Surrey to the top of the County Championship table, and that has confirmed for Salisbury that he has the ability to compete with the best.

"We are great friends," Salisbury said. "He's a brilliant bowler, a real genius, and for someone who's only 21 he has amazing skill.

"Saqlain has taught me a lot, especially of the need to be shrewder and to get the right field. I hate giving runs away these days whereas before I was happy to see someone hit me several times through a certain area if I thought I could get them out playing in that way. But why should you let that happen?

"Saqlain is like lots of spinners from the sub-continent in that he will try to cut off a batsman's strength, even with a man on the boundary, and I think that's the right way to approach this job. I love getting people out caught on the boundary.

"We talk a lot about our bowling and we really enjoy each other's company off the field."

Salisbury is looking forward to linking up with another off-spinner, Robert Croft, in the fourth Test. "I really hope we go in with two specialist spinners," he added. "I know Crofty has yet to take a wicket in the series, but sometimes that sort of thing happens and you feel you can't even buy one."

Women to contest their own Ashes

THE ENGLAND and Australian women's teams will compete for their own version of the Ashes this year after a ceremonial bat-burning at Lord's yesterday. The sides will play for the Ashes in three four-day Tests, starting at Guildford on 5 August.

The original Ashes, played for by the men, are in a small urn containing the burned remains of a bail used in a match between the two countries in 1882. Yesterday – in a ceremony attended by MCC Secretary Roger Knight, Women's Cricket Association president Norma Izard, England captain Karen Smithies and Australia's skipper Belinda Clark – a bat was burned alongside a copy of the WCA constitution and badge.

The WCA will no longer exist after September when a merger with the England and Wales Cricket Board is completed.

The formation of the women's Ashes was the idea of Barbara Daniels, the English Cricket Board's national manager for women's cricket and vice-captain of the England team.

"It was an historic event," Daniels said. "We thought of burning a bail but wanted something to signify both teams so used a bat which was signed by both sets of players. We are planning regular Ashes contests which will become significant occasions." The Ashes will be sealed inside a mounted wooden cricket ball, and it will be a major surprise if Australia do not take them home first – they are 4-0 up in the five-match one-day series which finishes at Lord's today.

● Alec Stewart will gather England's new-look fourth Test squad around him in Nottingham today and decide whether the 20-year-old Lancashire youngster Andrew Flintoff will in the side to face South Africa on Thursday.

Flintoff, who replaces the out of form Ben Hollioake in England's Test squad, already has the backing of the chairman of selectors, David Graveney.

"Andrew Flintoff and Ben Hollioake are vying for the same place in the England team – and Andrew has pipped him on the grounds of current form," Graveney said of the all-rounder.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Vodafone Challenge Series

Derbyshire v South Africa

DERBY (Final day of three): Derbyshire drew with South Africa.
Derbyshire won toss
DERBYSHIRE — First Innings 337 (Slater 185)
SOUTH AFRICA — First Innings 453 for 9 dec (Cronje 195, Cullinan 80, Smith 5-88)
DERBYSHIRE — Second Innings Overnight: 57 for 0
Second Innings Contd

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
M J Slater c Boucher b Adams	63	0	11	110	158
M R May c Boucher b Ntini	101	0	14	205	235
R M S Weston lbw b Kallis	3	0	0	17	23
M E Cassar not out	91	1	14	178	196
T A Tweats run out	27	0	2	46	68
B L Spendlove not out	32	0	5	79	75
Extras (b3 lb9 nb8)	20				
Total (for 4, 105.1 overs)	337				

Fall: 1-141, 2-160, 3-199, 4-264.
Did not bat: *†K M Krikken, G M Roberts, P Aldred, K J Dean, T M Smith.
Bowling: S M Pollock 16-8-35-0, M Ntini 17-1-69-1, W J Cronje 5.1-1-19-0, M Hayward 11-0-41-0, P R Adams 28-4-71-1, J H Kallis 15-5-43-1, D J Cullinan 13-4-47-0.
Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Harris.

AXA League

Lancashire v Worcestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (One day)
Lancashire won toss
WORCESTERSHIRE

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
*T M Moody not out	4	0	0	15	14
V S Solanki not out	5	0	0	7	14
Extras (w2)	2				
Total (3.4 overs)	11				

To bat: G A Hick, D A Leatherdale, W P C Weston, A Hafeez, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, R J Chapman.
Bowling: P J Martin 2-0-4-0, I D Austin 1.4-0-7-0.
Umpires: N T Plews and B Leadbeater.

Sussex v Middlesex

HOVE (One day):
Middlesex won toss
MIDDLESEX

	Runs	6s	4s	Bls	Min
*†K R Brown run out	3	0	0	16	20
J L Langer run out	3	0	0	4	10
O A Shah c Kirtley b Bevan	37	0	4	74	112
P N Weekes lbw b Martin-Jenkins	0	0	0	4	1
D C Nash not out	19	0	1	36	99
Extras (lb1 w7)	8				
Total (for 4, 22.2 overs)	70				

Fall: 1-5, 2-10, 3-10, 4-70.
To bat: J P Hewitt, D J Goodchild, R L Johnson, A G J Fraser, A R C Fraser, K P Dutch.
Bowling: R J Kirtley 6-2-17-0, R S C Martin-Jenkins 8-2-12-1, A D Edwards 4-0-22-0, M G Bevan 1.2-0-8-1, M A Robinson 3-0-10-0.
Umpires: G I Burgess and J F Steele.

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Essex (7)	11	7	2	1	1	32
Middlesex (16)	11	6	3	0	2	28
Warwickshire (1)	11	6	3	0	2	28
Leicestershire (4)	11	6	4	0	1	26
Lancashire (3)	9	6	2	0	1	26
Hampshire (15)	11	6	4	0	1	26
Somerset (6)	11	6	4	1	0	26
Yorkshire (10)	11	6	4	0	1	26
Kent (2)	11	5	4	0	2	24
Worcestershire (8)	10	5	3	1	1	24
Northants (9)	12	4	5	1	2	22
Glocs (11)	12	4	5	0	3	22
Notts(12)	10	4	5	1	0	18
Derbyshire (14)	11	3	6	0	2	16
Glamorgan (13)	11	3	7	0	1	14
Durham (17)	10	2	5	1	2	14
Sussex (18)	10	2	7	0	1	10
Surrey (5)	11	1	9	0	1	6

Today's fixtures (17.00 unless stated)

AXA LEAGUE (One day): Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex.
FIFTH WOMENS ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL (One day): Lord's: England v Australia (10.45).

AON TROPHY (One day): New Road: Glamorgan 229-8 (L O Jones 48no, I J Thomas 42, J E K Schofield 3-36) Worcestershire 231-9 (E J Wilson 72, D J Pipe 42no, O T Parkin 3-63). Worcestershire won by one wicket. **North Marine Road:** Northampton 232-5 (G A White 97, A J Swann 50, P R Monogomerie 49) Minor Counties 175-8 (T Fray 60) Northampton won by 57 runs.

Dettori swayed by Swain work-out

By Sue Montgomery

PRESUMABLY WITH his fingers tightly crossed and clutching a warren of bunny feet, Frankie Dettori has chosen Swain instead of his Eclipse winner Daylami as his mount in Saturday's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot. Twelve months ago Dettori, who has first pick of Sheikh Mohammed's runners, opted for Singspiel and, from his fourth place, had a close-up view of supersub John Reid driving the horse he had rejected – none other than Swain – to victory in the Group One contest.

The Sheikh's Godolphin operation is responsible for four of the nine runners declared at yesterday's five-day stage for Britain's midsummer middle-distance extravaganza. Central Park, winner of the Italian Derby and third when hare in the Eclipse, was a surprise addition to the squad but will only run if something prevents Happy Valentine, the designated pacemaker for his two more distinguished stablemates, from taking part.

Such is Godolphin's firepower that Dettori often has a difficult choice. He was on the wrong one in the Derby, when Reid-ridden runner-up City Honours was seven places ahead of Cape Verdi, but guessed correctly in the Eclipse, when he and Daylami bettered Reid and Faithful Son half a length.

Swain, a consistent, honest six-year-old, has not actually won a race since last year's King George, but he has produced some good efforts in defeat, notably when inched out by Silver Charm in the Dubai World Cup in March, and Dettori was swayed by a workout on the Newmarket gallops on Saturday. "We hope he's got it right this time," said Godolphin racing manager Simon Crisford. "Swain has, frankly, been a little disappointing in his two races over here this season but on neither occasion did he have the true-run race he absolutely needs, particularly last time when he was third at Ascot.

"Daylami is a very good horse but he has yet to prove he stays a mile and a half. Swain has already done it in the big-time over the trip."

But statistics are not on Swain's side. There has been only one dual winner – Dahlia in 1973 and 1974 – in the 47 editions of the race. And from the 18 who have taken part, no six-year-old has ever triumphed.

The age-group with the best record is undoubtedly the Classic generation. There have been 25 three-year-old winners, a 53 per cent strike-rate from a 35 per cent representation (164 of the total 460 runners since the first running in 1951) and, as the table below shows, they have had the upper hand during the past decade.

With Central Park an unlikely player in the £600,000 game and Irish challenger Risk Material yet to be confirmed, the challenge to the older brigade (Romanov and Silver Patriarch are the others) comes from two unbeaten horses, Derby hero High-Rise and rising star Royal Anthem.

Derby winners run with honour in the King George. Twenty-one have taken part in the year of their Epsom victory: 12 have won. After recent defeats for Shaamit (3rd), Erhaab (7th), Commander In Chief (3rd) and Shahrastani (4th), the balance has been redressed by Lammtarra, Generous, Nashwan and Reference Point.

But a three-year-old winner does not have to be a Classic horse. Twenty years ago Ile de Bourbon confounded the form-book. But this time round the horse who has taken the same softly-softly route of a win in the King Edward VII Stakes, Royal Anthem, is no 12-1 shot, but the ante-post favourite.

Ile de Bourbon was the first top-level winner for a 22-year-old jockey at the start of his career. John Reid – for it was he – is out of the Godolphin equation this week with the ride on Peter Chapple-Hyam's charge, four-year-old Romanov. But the Ulsterman could still be there to haunt Dettori.

Romanov has twice beaten Silver Patriarch, who defeated Swain in the Coronation Cup in June. "Mine has certainly improved from three to four and may still be improving," Reid said. "I'd very much like to win another King George. The bigger the race, the bigger the buzz. Even if you've done it before it never goes away."

RECENT KING GEORGE WINNERS

Year	Winner (age)	Trainer	Jockey	SP	Year	Winner (age)	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1988	Mtoto (5)	A Stewart	M Roberts	4-1	1993	Opera House (5)	M Stoute	M Roberts	8-1
1989	Nashwan (3)	W R Hern	W Carson	2-9	1994	King's Theatre (3)	H Cecil	M Kinane	12-1
1990	Belmez (3)	H Cecil	M Kinane	15-2	1995	Lammtarra (3)	S bin Suroor	L Dettori	9-4
1991	Generous (3)	P Cole	A Munro	4-6	1996	Pentire (4)	G Wragg	M Hills	10-3
1992	St Jovite (3)	J Bolger	S Craine	4-5	1997	Swain (5)	S bin Suroor	J Reid	16-1

ANTE-POST ODDS

KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES (1m 4f)

Horse (Trainer/age)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Stanley	Tote
High Rise (L Cumani/3)	11-4	11-4	5-2	11-4	3-1
Royal Anthem (H Cecil/3)	3-1	9-4	5-2	11-4	9-4
Daylami (S bin Suroor/4)	4-1	4-1	5-1	4-1	4-1
Silver Patriarch (J Dunlop/4)	9-2	9-2	5-1	7-2	9-2
Swain (S bin Suroor/6)	6-1	6-1	9-2	5-1	11-2
Romanov (P C-Hyam/4)	8-1	10-1	9-1	8-1	10-1
Central Park (S bin Suroor/3)	25-1	33-1	doubtful	25-1	33-1
Risk Material (A O'Brien/Ir/3)	33-1	33-1	40-1	33-1	40-1
Happy Valentine (S bin Suroor/4)	33-1	40-1	50-1	33-1	40-1

Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3 (Ascot, Saturday)



Swain (left) battles to hold off Pilsudski and cause a 16-1 upset in last year's King George PA

YARMOUTH

HYPERION

2.15 Marcus Maximus
2.45 Lokomotiv
3.15 Tropical Beach
3.45 ROYAL DREAM (nap)
4.15 Baltic Lowland
4.45 Pressurise

GOING: Good to Firm.
STALLS: Straight course – far side; 1m 6f – stands side; remainder – inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f to 1m.
■ Left-hand course, level and fair.
■ Course is N of town on A149. Yarmouth station 1m. ADMISSION: Club £12; Tattersalls £8.50; Family and course enclosure £4.50. CAR PARK: £1.
■ LEADING TRAINERS: H Cecil 22-98 (22.4%), C Brittain 21-144 (14.6%), L Cumani 14-64 (21.9%), M Bell 14-82 (17.1%), J Gosden 14-91 (15.4%), J Fanshawe 13-79 (16.5%).
■ LEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettori 32-129 (24.8%), M Hills 27-166 (16.3%), K Fallon 11-74 (14.9%), G Carter 10-73 (13.7%), G Bardwell 8-85 (9.4%), J Reid 7-30 (23.3%).
■ FAVOURITES: 217-598 (36.3%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Malchik (2.45), River Court (2.45), Baltic Lowland (visored, 4.15), Toy Trader (visored, 4.15) Pertemps Mission (visored, 4.45), Es Go (visored, 4.45).
LONG-DISTANCE TRAVELLER: Such Boldness (4.45) has been sent 285 miles.

2.15 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS CREDIT DIVISION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 3f 101yds Penalty Value £3,558

1 5 THE BAT (14) (Mrs P Stroud) A Jarvis 5 9 9 ... D Sweeney 5
2 DESERT TYCOON (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3 8 12 ... L Dettori 1
3 MARCUS MAXIMUS (USA) (Wafic Said) H Cecil 3 8 12 ... K Fallon 2
4 0-00 MI PICASSO (52) (Michael H Keogh) M Tompkins 3 8 12 ... A Nicholls (7) 3
5 PAGAN (Lord Harrington) L Cumani 3 8 12 ... O Urbina 6
6 600 WHISTLE TEST (47) (D Sullivan) S Woods 3 8 12 ... N Day 4
– 6 declared –

BETTING: 10-11 Marcus Maximus, 5-2 Desert Tycoon, 4-1 Pagan, 20-1 Mi Picasso, 25-1 The Bat, Whistle Test
1997: INVERMARK 3 8 12 M Hills 8-1 (J Fanshawe) drawn (7) 8 ran

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The Bat: Has made the frame once from three starts in bumpers. 16½-lengths fifth of 8 in a maiden at Pontefract (1m4f, good) after making most
Desert Tycoon: Last Tycoon colt, half-brother to Irish Champion Stakes runner-up Del Deya and out of a sister to dual Oaks winner Unite
Marcus Maximus: 210,000-guinea Woodman colt out of good filly Star Pastures, who has already produced several well above average winners
Mi Picasso: Be My Guest colt out of a half-sister to top-class broodmare Reprocolor. Towards rear in three maidens. Step up from 1m may well help, but probably not enough
Pagan: Last Tycoon colt, fifth foal of a well-related mare who has already produced three winners, two over middle distances. Another making his debut
Whistle Test: Kris gelding. Sixth of 10 in the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket on his debut, but has been disappointing in two maidens (1m2f and 1m) since

VERDICT: One of the three newcomers will surely be good enough. All three are well bred and from top stables, so it is hard to choose between them without any racecourse evidence. MARCUS MAXIMUS gets the vote, but the market should prove an important guide

2.45 BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS FREEPHONE 0800 821821 SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £1,988

1 3301- COSMO JACK (5) (BF) (Michael F B Peart) B Meehan 9 2 ... W R Swinburn 6
2 00 BIG OZ (13) (Alan Spargo Ltd Toolmakers) J Cullinan 8 11 ... D Sweeney 2
3 5502 HADEQA (19) (Men Behaving Badly) P Evans 8 11 ... J Egan 9 V
4 06 LOKOMOTIV (17) (Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra SRL) M Channon 8 11 ... L Dettori 1
5 0000 MALCHIK (34) (I G Mirzoan) P Howling 8 11 ... T Williams 7 B
6 54 ODDSANENDS (12) (J T B Racing) C Allen 8 11 ... N Carlisle 3
7 060 RIVER COURT (18) (The Serendipity Partnership) E Dunlop 8 11 ... K Fallon 11 B
8 000 CLOON CREE (13) (W A Barrett) D Cosgrove 8 6 ... L Newton 4
9 EBLANA (Michael H Keogh) M Tompkins 8 6 ... A Nicholls (7) 10
10 50 SEASON OF HOPE (13) (Mrs Christine Wilmott) D Cosgrove 8 6 ... J Lowe 8
11 00 VENTURE ISLAND (13) (The Square Table) W Musson 8 6 ... P Robinson 5
– 11 declared –

BETTING: 4-1 Lokomotiv, 9-2 Cosmo Jack, Hadeqa, River Court, 7-1 Oddsanends, 8-1 Eblana, 12-1 Big Oz, 14-1 others
1997: The Honourable Lady 8 6 P P Murphy 7-1 (M Channon) drawn (10) 10 ran

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Cosmo Jack: Showed ability before dropped to a seller and justifying favouritism in 10-runner race at Bath (6f, good). Ran respectably next start and should stay 7f
Big Oz: By Kylian out of a fair winner who stayed 1m2f. Among the backmarkers at long prices in maidens at Newmarket and Kempton
Hadeqa: Sixth in the Brocklesby at Doncaster on his debut. Has not reproduced that form, 3 months off before second to Big Al in seller at Haydock (6f, good)
Lokomotiv: 34,000-guinea Salse colt. 33-1, improved when about 11 lengths sixth of 10 to Aljabr in maiden at Sandown (7f, good). This is a big drop in class
Malchik: Behind in four maidens at 5f/6f, on Wolverhampton all-weather last time
Oddsanends: By Alhijaz. Fifth of 14 in a Newcastle seller (6f, soft) before 8 lengths fourth of 14 to Perigeux in a 6f median auction at Southwell
River Court: River Falls gelding. Mid-division in 7f maiden auctions at Thirsk (soft) and Warwick (good) last two starts. Blinkered for the first time
Cloon Cree: Outsider and no impact in maidens, probably best effort when 18th of 24 at Windsor second start. Visored last two outings. Plenty to find
Eblana: 30 April Maledetto filly, cost Ir2,000 guineas last year. Best watched on debut
Season of Hope: Has also run in sellers both previous starts, finishing in rear
Venture Island: Petardia filly. No show in Windsor maiden and 7f Newmarket seller

VERDICT: LOKOMOTIV has to be of major interest in this grade. Several of the others are making their selling-race debuts as well, and perhaps blinkers and Kieren Fallon can do something to galvanise River Court.

3.15 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS 1ST FOR SERVICE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 7f Penalty Value £3,980

1 261563 TOPTON (9) (D) (Liam Sheridan) P Howling 4 9 13 ... Paul Eddery 9 B
2 224-06 SILVER KRISTAL (8) (Sir Eric Parker) R Armstrong 4 9 13 ... M Hills 14
3 646433 SEA-DEER (6) (C) (M M Foulger) C Dwyer 9 9 9 ... F Lynch 8
4 50001- KARINSKA (296) (CD) (Geoff Whiting) M Chapman 8 9 1 ... S Carson (7) 3
5 400010 MOONSTONE (3) (CD) (Mrs D B Brazier) A Jarvis 3 9 1 ... K Fallon 4
6 -00233 CONTRARY MARY (11) (I Wicks) J Akehurst 3 8 13 ... G Carter 1
7 003001 MERANTI (10) (D) (John Wallis) J M Bradley 5 8 10 ... W R Swinburn 7
8 00-300 LOGANLEA (14) (Mrs P A Linton) W Musson 4 8 4 ... M Henry 10
9 0-1504 NAUTICAL WARNING (20) (D) (B Schmidt-Bodner) J Noseda 3 8 4 ... P Robinson 6
10 600006 IVOR'S DEED (8) (D) (P D Evans) P Evans 5 8 1 ... J Egan 2 V
11 050004 GAIN LINE (USA) (6) (CD) (Legend Racing Club) C Dwyer 5 8 0 ... J Lowe 13 V
12 005504 TROPICAL BEACH (7) (A J Thompson) J Pearce 5 7 13 ... G Bardwell 12 V
13 210200 CLONOE (29) (McKernan - O'Neill) R Ingram 4 7 12 ... A Nicholls (7) 5
14 301055 DINA LINE (USA) (22) (BF) (Lordship Stud) M Bell 4 7 11 ... R Mullen (3) 11
– 14 declared –

BETTING: 5-1 Meranti, 7-1 Moonstone, Nautical Warning, 8-1 Sea-Deer, Contrary Mary, Tropical Beach, 10-1 Topton, Clonoe, Dina Line, 14-1 others
1997: Mezzoramio 5 7 10 Jo Hunnam(7) 4-1 fav (K Morgan) drawn (11) 16 ran

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Topton: Won at Doncaster (7f, good; now 4lb higher) by a neck. Below form since, though the draw and then heavy going are plausible excuses first two occasions
Silver Kristal: Second in two 7f maidens last season when trained by Reg Akehurst. Saddle slipped on reappearance and she shaped reasonably well three months later
Sea-Deer: Fairly useful sprinter in first half of last term, but has dropped from 80 to 59 this season. Recent form suggests he can figure again, but he is unproven at 7f
Karinska: Won twice here at Yarmouth in 1997, over 7f and 1m2f, and also won for today's apprentice at Nottingham (1m) final start. May need this first race since
Moonstone: Set steady pace to win 7-runner handicap over this course and distance. Previous efforts and one since all suggest 5lb rise is too steep. Acts on good to firm
Contrary Mary: Trained by Geoff Lewis last term and by Sean Woods first 3 runs this season, largely disappointing since winning early in 1997. Has worst of the draw
Meranti: Had rather an in-and-out 1997, reportedly with back problems. Couple of decent runs this term, winning at Salisbury. Stays 7f. Won off this mark last season
Loganlea: Has raced over 5f/6f last 5 starts, but may well appreciate this return to 7f. Good effort when third of 16 at Nottingham (6f, good to firm) in May. Chances
Nautical Warning: Won off this mark in apprentices' event at Lingfield (all-weather, 7f) in January. Latest fourth of 9 here showed that he cannot be ruled out
Ivor's Deed: Trained until after latest start by Gay Kelleway, kept very busy on sand over the winter. Below form in four runs back on turf
Gain Line: Won over the course and distance (on firm ground) nearly a year ago off 5lb higher mark. Has not impressed at all last four runs this term however
Tropical Beach: Another well treated on 1997 form, but he also has chances on the best of 1998, a running-on fourth of 16 at Brighton (7f) last time. Acts on firm ground
Clonoe: Busy on all-weather before first success at Folkestone (6f) in April. Also good second (on good to firm) at Folkestone but little chance on other recent turf efforts
Dina Line: Won off 53 on all-weather at Southwell (1m) in May. Off 43 here, and chances on her 5th of 17 at Windsor. Last of 12 time before, only previous start on fast ground

VERDICT: An open handicap, but a high draw is usually best here and the ones to concentrate on are Topton, LOGANLEA and Tropical Beach. Loganlea acts good to firm ground and is particularly interesting stepped back up in trip

3.45 49'S MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £7,765

1 104- ABREEZE (USA) (277) (Godolphin) Saeed bin Suroor 9 7 ... L Dettori 5
2 510001 CLASSY CLEO (11) (C) (D) (J E Abbey) P Evans 9 3 ... J Egan 13
3 0-0020 ELEVENTH DUKE (68) (D) (Lucayen Stud) J Noseda 9 0 ... G Carter 2
4 014 MOON TANGO (18) (D) (K Al-Sayed) B Hills 8 10 ... M Hills 7
5 100-30 PETARGA (14) (Mrs R W Gore-Andrews) J Toller 8 8 ... J Reid 8
6 301000 BLUNDELL LANE (11) (D) (BF) (N Coverdale) A Jarvis 8 9 ... D Sweeney 10
7 -22312 EGO NIGHT (6) (D) (BF) (Luciano Gaucci) M Bell 8 7 ... M Fenton 1
8 03-210 TATTINGER (14) (D) (Mrs E Fanshawe) J Fanshawe 8 7 ... N Callan (7) 12
9 03221 EAST WINDS (18) (D) (R J McCreery) P Walwyn 8 6 ... W Ryan 11
10 441343 ROYAL DREAM (17) (D) (Mrs B A Mathews) J Berry 8 5 ... J Carroll 9
11 200240 JULIES JEWEL (14) (D) (Mrs Julie R Lamming) M Chapman 8 5 ... S Carson (7) 6
12 -10464 PIPS SONG (20) (D) (BF) (P J Edwards) Dr J Scargill 7 13 ... J Lowe 4
13 6-0453 LONG ISLAND (13) (Taker Bloodstock) K Ivory 7 10 ... A Nicholls (7) 3 V
– 13 declared –

Minimum weight: 7st 10lb. True handicap weight: Long Island 7st 9lb.
BETTING: 13-2 Abreeze, Ego Night, Royal Dream, 7-1 Moon Tango, East Winds, 8-1 Classy Cleo, Eleventh Duke, 10-1 others
1997: Eiradim 9 7 R Hills 2-1 fav (J Dunlop) drawn (5) 11 ran

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Abreeze: Won maiden at Sandown (7f, good to firm) in good style last September, but was disappointing in a listed race and a conditions stakes afterwards
Classy Cleo: Has reserved her best for Chester this turf season, winning over 5f in May and July. Also had 6f form on stiffer tracks last year. Acts on firm
Eleventh Duke: Second of 9 to Robin Goodfellow in rated stakes at Salisbury (6f, good to soft) in May. Behind in a large field at York next time. Acts on good to firm
Moon Tango: 12-1 winner of maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to soft) in June. Came from behind when fourth of 14 in £7400 handicap at Sandown (7f good to soft)
Petarga: Has had nearly all her racing on fast ground. Good third of 13 at Newbury in May, but disappointing in a hot race at Newmarket seven weeks later
Blundell Lane: Well drawn when winning at Chester in May by four lengths. No better than ninth in three handicaps since
Ego Night: Improving colt, winning maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm) and second of 8 to Scissor Ridge on firm ground at same course off this mark 19 days later
Tattinger: Fourth run in 6f maidens when winning at Redcar in May. Stiff task, edgy when towards rear (behind Julies Jewel, in front of Petarga) in Newmarket handicap
East Winds: Suave Dancer gelding from good sprint family. Fifth run in sprint maidens when winning 12-runner event at Warwick last time by neck from Chieftain
Royal Dream: Dependable this summer, winning over 5f at Beverley, and in frame over 6f all three starts since. Acts on good to firm, unraced so far on firm. Sound prospects
Julies Jewel: Won over 7f at Doncaster in March. Second of 13 over 6f at Pontefract was on soft ground and today's conditions may well prove too sharp for him
Pips Song: Sprinter with scope for improvement, having only second start when winning at Wolverhampton in April. Has run decent races in handicaps since
Long Island: Began this year over 1m then 7f, less than solid form when returned to 6f for third of four in a muddling race in a maiden at Folkestone last time

VERDICT: Abreeze, Ego Night and Pips Song catch the eye among those drawn low, Royal Dream and EAST WINDS among those drawn high. East Winds has not had much racing but looks dependable enough on this season's evidence and should improve again following his win at Warwick last time.

4.15 E.B.F. MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN STAKES (D) £4,600 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £3,273

1 23 BALTIC LOWLAND (15) (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9 0 ... L Dettori 2 V
2 PADHAMS GREEN (D J Anderson) M Tompkins 9 0 ... D Biggs 4
3 050 TOY TRADER (17) (Grant & Bowman Limited) A Jarvis 9 0 ... K Fallon 5 V
4 62 BEVELENA (12) (Mrs F A Veasey) P Evans 8 9 ... J Egan 3
5 TESS (S P Tindall) B Hills 8 9 ... M Hills 1
– 5 declared –

BETTING: 8-11 Baltic Lowland, 11-4 Tess, 13-2 Padhams Green, 12-1 Bevelena, 14-1 Toy Trader.
1997: Gipsy Moth 8 9 Pat Eddery 10-1 (B Meehan) drawn (6) 8 ran

FORM GUIDE

Baltic Lowland: 7 March colt by Gone West. 9-4 on for debut at Newbury when short-headed by Halloa. 11-10 on when staying-on third over 5f at Lingfield. Obvious chances
Padhams Green: 19 May colt by Aragon out of useful stayer Double Dutch. Dam's record does not suggest an early 5f victory
Toy Trader: Ir8,000-guinea colt by High Estate. Mid-division in sprint maidens and will probably have to improve markedly
Bevelena: 17 March Beveled filly out of an Italian sprint winner. Second of 10 in a 5f seller at Southwell last time suggests she will not be good enough
Tess: 1 February filly by Emarati, half-sister to sprint winner Hever Golf Express out of a French 1m2f winner

VERDICT: This should be straightforward for BALTIC LOWLAND, for all that he will probably prove best over longer distances. Tess looks the most likely danger, but we have yet to see any racecourse evidence of her ability.

4.45 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS 'IN RUNNING' MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m 6f Penalty Value £3,158

1 2-3303 SUCH BOLDNESS (10) (Mrs M E O'Shea) Miss G Kelleway 4 10 0 ... K Fallon 14
2 0-043 MANUFAN (15) (Anthony Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 3 9 10 ... J Reid 2
3 05-433 SHOHRA WA JAAH (15) (BF) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 3 9 7 ... P Robinson 15
4 6430-0 DANCING QUEEN (18) (Lordship Stud) M Bell 4 9 5 ... L Dettori 9
5 00535- MECHILIE (297) (BF) (Sir Simon Lycett Green) J W Payne 4 8 10 ... G Carter 12
6 -00405 PETANE (25) (A H Robinson) J Arnold 3 8 7 ... M Hills 1 B
7 -00403 PERTEMPS MISSION (10) (Michael C Whatley) J Pearce 4 8 6 ... G Bardwell 13 V
8 640-03 ES GO (18) (Victor Chandler (Equus) Ltd) R Bastiman 5 8 6 ... D McKeown 8 V
9 000- PRESSURISE (280) (C Walker & J Carroll) Sir M Prescott 3 8 5 ... G Duffield 7
10 0000 DOUBLIN' BAY (17) (The S P Partnership) Dr J Scargill 3 8 2 ... J Lowe 10
11 00-004 MAIL SHOT (17) (MacDonald Mailing) S Dow 3 8 2 ... J Egan 11
12 00000/ SHAHRANI (J16) (Mrs E C Rosbottom) M Chapman 6 8 1 ... S Carson (7) 5
13 500056 DOVER SOUL (6) (Top Hat Racing) P Howling 3 8 0 ... T Williams 4
14 -00000 CAPE SIREN (3) (M J Ryan) M Ryan 4 7 12 ... M Baird (3) 3
15 0-0400 SLIGHTLY SPECIAL (27) (Mrs R Nash) D Thom 6 7 10 ... R Mullen (3) 6
– 15 declared –

BETTING: 4-1 Pressurise, 5-1 Shohra Wa Jaah, 11-2 Manufan, 13-2 Mail Shot, 8-1 Dancing Queen, Es Go, 10-1 Such Boldness, Pertemps Mission, 14-1 others.
1997: Aztec Flyer 4 8 10 B Doyle 15-2 (C Brittain) drawn (1) 6 ran

FORM GUIDE

Such Boldness: Placed on three of four starts this season, including twice over this distance on good to firm, third of 6 to Olivo at Salisbury last time
Manufan: Capable of fair form, shaping like a stayer when third of six to Semi Circle in handicap at Ripon (1m4f, good) last time
Shohra Wa Jaash: Third attempt off this mark in handicaps, having come third of 9 over course and distance in June and third of 7 over 2m1f at Bath
Dancing Queen: By Sadler's Wells. One previous try at beyond 1m4f was at Wolverhampton when third of 6 in handicap last August. Never a threat on reappearance
Mechilie: Poor maiden who has raced mostly in sellers. Making reappearance and probably needs further than this
Petane: Decent efforts this season when fourth at Newbury and fifth at Nottingham. Those races were at 1m2f, and not much to suggest this big step up in trip will suit
Pertemps Mission: Has dropped from mark of 56 to 38 in handicaps this season. In frame at around 2m at Musselburgh and Warwick
Es Go: In frame in handicaps at Brighton (1m4f, firm) and Hamilton (1m5f, good to firm), in latter third of 8 to Silankka latest start. Something to find
Pressurise: A good-looking 3yo from a good family, also from a most astute stable and making his handicap debut after finishing down the field in three maidens last term. Unlikely to try this trip unless he was ready. Could easily be the joker in the pack
Doublin' Bay: Has not accomplished much in maidens and a classified stakes this season, at 1m2f last three starts
Mail Shot: Possibilities stepping up from 1m4f, as shaped like a stayer when fourth of 9 in a handicap at Lingfield (good to firm) latest start
Shahrani: Winner over hurdles for Martin Pipe but has also looked ungenuine. Showed he probably gets this trip when last raced on Flat, in July 1996
Dover Soul: Only occasional form this season and unproven over this trip
Cape Siren: Uninspiring form credentials in maidens and handicaps
Slightly Special: Has shown only a little ability this term, beaten about 11 lengths when fourth of 14 over 1m4f (good to soft) at Salisbury in June

VERDICT: It would be absolutely no surprise if Pressurise were to win this, and win it easily, but it is hard work to make him a form choice on what he showed last year. MANUFAN is an alternative, another very lightly-raced 3yo with scope for some improvement; he looks sure to stay judged on the style of his third at Ripon last time

■ Ramooz was yesterday confirmed a runner for the Reed Print Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle on Saturday by trainer Ben Hanbury. Speaking at Ayr races he said: "Ramooz definitely runs. He's in great form, the firmer the ground the better and maybe David Loder won't run Diktat.' He added with a smile: I can't imagine David would run a Group One horse on firm ground." Diktat has been aimed at the seven-furlong contest after being an 11th hour withdrawal from the July Cup at Newmarket because of the firm going. However, Mark Johnston's Fizzed is not certain to be in the line-up for the Group Three event. "I not sure yet whether she runs or not," the Middleham trainer said. "I'll have to wait and see the weights and ratings of the other entries before I decide."

Meneer makes money

A PUNTER risked £20,000 to win £5,000 at Ayr yesterday, but had no anxious moments as Frankie Dettori steered Meneer to a seven-lengths win in the first race. The John Gosden-trained colt eventually set off at odds of 2-9.

Bint Allayl, the highly impressive winner of the National Stakes at Sandown and the Group Three Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot – both over five furlongs – on her last two starts, is set to put her talents on view in the Lowther Stakes over six furlongs at York next month, the filly's trainer Mick Channon disclosed yesterday.

Channon said: "She's grand. She's been in great form since Ascot and will go to York for the Lowther."

RICHARD EDMONDSON
Nap: Loganlea (Yarmouth 3.15)
NB: Manufan (Yarmouth 4.45)

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Horse	C	H	L	S	T
Royal Dream	5-1	5-1	5-1	11-2	11-2
Abreeze	11-2	6-1	11-2	6-1	11-2
Ego Night	6-1	6-1	7-1	6-1	7-1
Moon Tango	8-1	7-1	7-1	8-1	7-1
Pips Song	8-1	9-1	9-1	9-1	9-1
Classy Cleo	10-1	8-1	9-1	15-2	7-1
East Winds	10-1	9-1	8-1	15-2	10-1
Eleventh Duke	8-1	10-1	10-1	10-1	10-1
Tattinger	10-1	11-1	10-1	9-1	11-1
Blundell Lane	12-1	12-1	14-1	12-1	12-1
Petarga	12-1	14-1	14-1	12-1	14-1
Julies Jewel	25-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Long Island	25-1	33-1	25-1	25-1	25-1

Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3
C Coral, H William Hill, L Ladbrokes, S Stanley, T Tote

BATH

HYPERION

2.00 Top Order 2.30 Genetic 3.00 Rubamma 3.30 Highwayman (nb) 4.00 Woody's Boy 4.30 Sihafi

GOING: Good
STALLS: Straight course – far side; Round course – inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best 5f & 5f 161yds.
■ Left-hand, galloping course. Four furlong run-in bends to the left and is uphill all the way
■ Course is 2m NW of city near A431. Bath station 2m. ADMISSION: Club £13; Tattersalls £9; Silver Ring £5; Course £2. Prices hold until end of 1998. CAR PARK: Centre of course £5 for car plus driver and £2 for each passenger; remainder free.
■ LEADING TRAINERS: I Balding 19-91 (20.9%), R Charlton 18-58 (31%), P Cole 15-74 (20.3%), M Channon 15-125 (12%)
■ LEADING JOCKEYS: T Sprake 12-134 (9%), R Cochrane 10-63 (15.9%), S Drowne 10-132 (7.6%), M Roberts 5-49 (10.2%).
■ FAVOURITES: 166-469 (35.5%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None

2.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS E.B.F. NOVICE STAKES (CLASS D) £4,600 added 2YO 5f

1 410 HEAD HONCHO (32) (D) D Elsworth 9 4 ... N Pollard (5) 8
2 0134 MOON BUZZARD (25) M Blanshard 9 4 ... J Quinn 6
3 61006 RED DELIRIUM (13) R Hannon 9 4 ... R Hughes 7
4 540 TOP ORDER (USA) (33) (D) P Cole 9 3 ... C Rutter 5
5 6050 MUCHO COLOR (5) B Meehan 8 12 ... M Tebbutt 4 B
6 0 SWAMPY (9) K McAuliffe 8 12 ... M Roberts 2
7 C01 SATIN SLIPPER (8) (D) K Ivory 8 9 ... C Lowther 1
8 44 ADDITION (11) R Hodges 8 7 ... S Drowne 9
9 5 THICKET (15) (BF) R Charlton 8 7 ... T Sprake 3
– 9 declared –

BETTING: 11-8 Top Order, 4-1 Red Delirium, 5-1 Thicket, 7-1 Head Honcho, 12-1 Moon Buzzard, 14-1 Satin Slipper, Addition, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT

This should chiefly involve the Royal Ascot failures Head Honcho (holds Addition and Thicket on lines from his Sandown win), RED DELIRIUM and Top Order. The selection has not lived up to expectations, but has less on his plate here and races as though the drop back to 5f will suit

2.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN EARLY PRICE TEXT DIVISION CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 3f 144yds

1 00806 PAY HOMAGE (11) (CD) I Balding 10 9 6 ... Leanne Masterton (7) 10
2 000-0 AMBER VALLEY (USA) (10) D Williams 7 9 4 ... D Griffiths (3) 1
3 -30050 BEHIND THE SCENES (25) C Cyzer 4 9 4 ... D Holland 7
4 6008-2 IHTIMAAM (FR) (10) H Haynes 6 9 4 ... R Cody-Boutcher (7) 4
5 2503-0 RENOWN (140) (D) Lord Huntingdon 6 9 4 ... D Harrison 2
6 1/0545 RIVER JUNCTION (10) B Smart 7 9 4 ... J Stack 3
7 004030 SNOW PARTRIDGE (USA) (19) P Cole 4 9 4 ... C Rutter 6
8 060 GENETIC (14) P Walwyn 3 8 6 ... R Cochrane 8
9 000 RUDI KNIGHT (21) M Fetherston-Godley 3 8 6 ... F Norton 5
10 0060-0 BALLET RAMBERT (34) (C) M Heaton-Ellis 3 8 3 ... S Drowne 11
11 000-0 SIENA (GER) (27) Miss K George 3 8 3 ... P Doe (5) 9
– 11 declared –

BETTING: 3-1 Snow Partridge, 7-2 Pay Homage, 4-1 Renown, 7-1 Behind The Scenes, 10-1 Ihtimaam, Genetic, 12-1 River Junction, 16-1 others

FORM VERDICT

A race contested by mainly disappointing and difficult-to-assess types, possibly ripe for an upset. However, PAY HOMAGE is capable of repeating last year's victory here granted a more truly-run race than he has experienced of late, something which looks a strong possibility. He is generally regarded as a top-of-the-ground performer, but does have form on a soft surface.

3.00 BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS TRADE DIVISION BE HOPEFUL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m

1 0F0-16 VIRTUAL REALITY (58) (CD) J Toller 7 10 0 ... M Roberts 7
2 -1025 GUARANTEED (11) (D) Miss K George 3 9 8 ... P Doe (5) 1
3 220-14 BOLD KING (68) (D) J Hills 3 8 7 ... R Hills 5
4 602000 HEVER GOLF GLORY (14) (D) N Littmoden 4 9 3 ... T McLaughlin 9
5 0-6001 FIONN DE COOL (17) (D) J Akehurst 7 9 0 ... A McGlone 12
6 020504 SWIFT (6) (D) M Polglase 4 8 10 ... D Harrison 14
7 0-1230 ZIMIRI (13) (D) J Toller 4 8 10 ... A Clark 3
8 330000 CAD'ORO (17) (CD) G Balding 5 8 10 ... S Drowne 4
9 54205 QUESTAN (6) (CD) B Smart 6 8 8 ... J Stack 11
10 4-0010 PADDY'S RICE (15) (CD) M Blanshard 7 8 5 ... J Quinn 2
11 000002 REBEL COUNTY (3) (D) A Bailey 5 8 4 ... C Lowther 13
12 660540 RUBAMMA (17) P Walwyn 3 8 4 ... D Holland 8
13 0-0521 WARRING (15) (D) M Saunders 4 8 4 ... F Norton 10
14 06550 ROCA MURADA (25) L G Cottrell 9 8 3 ... A Daly (3) 6 V
– 14 declared –

BETTING: 5-1 Virtual Reality, 6-1 Fionn De Cool, 7-1 Bold King, 8-1 Swift, Zimiri, Rebel County, Warring, 10-1 others

FORM VERDICT

An open race likely to be run at a true pace. With overnight rain forecast, conditions should suit CA D'ORO, who has sound claims on his best form. Bold King and Roca Murada – visored for the first time this term – could give him most to do.

3.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS DOUBLE RESULT CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 2f

1 420040 ABAJANY (3) M Channon 4 9 4 ... A Mackay 3
2 000053 MUHTAFEL (5) M Quinn 4 9 4 ... A McCarthy (3) 5
3 -32013 LEMON BRIDGE (15) (D) J Hills 3 8 10 ... R Hills 2
4 4201 THE GAMBOLLER (5) (D) Mrs A Perrett 3 8 10 ... D Harrison 4
5 20-433 CLASSIC MANOEUVRE (27) R Hannon 3 8 8 ... R Hughes 6
6 534-50 HIGHWAYMAN (70) (BF) Sir M Stoute 3 8 8 ... R Cochrane 1
– 6 declared –

BETTING: 11-4 Highwayman, 4-1 Lemon Bridge, Classic Manoeuvre, 9-2 The Gamboller, 5-1 Abajany, 7-1 Muhtafel

FORM VERDICT

Highwayman is almost certainly better than his soft-ground form this season indicates, and The Gamboller might progress after a confidence-booster last time, but neither can be backed with confidence on the balance of their form. Game and consistent LEMON BRIDGE is the solid option back over his ideal distance after a respectable effort over an extended 1m3f at Windsor last time

4.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS ANNIVERSARY CHUCKLESTONE H'CAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 1f

1 1500/0 WISHING (USA) (89) T D McCarthy 7 10 0 ... N Pollard (5) 8
2 100-05 HURGILL DANCER (89) J Toller 4 9 8 ... A Clark 1
3 006-31 TASIK CHINI (USA) (63) (CD) P Cole 4 9 4 ... R Cochrane 15
4 00-152 WOODY'S BOY (18) M Heaton-Ellis 4 9 4 ... A Daly (3) 2
5 15063 MINNISAM (5) G Ham 5 8 13 ... F Norton 12 B
6 00-050 BOWLED OVER (53) C Cyzer 5 8 8 ... C Lowther 13
7 0-0060 HIGH ON LIFE (20) J Akehurst 4 8 8 ... A McGlone 3
8 300104 GOLDEN HADEER (20) M Ryan 7 8 8 ... P McCabe 9
9 -25004 LIMELIGHT (15) P Murphy 4 8 7 ... S Drowne 4
10 250-00 LAGUNA BAY (J36) G McCourt 4 8 7 ... D Harrison 7
11 0-4301 SOVEREIGN CREST (12) C Horgan 5 8 5 ... D Holland 14
12 55/521 FAST FORWARD FRED (17) L Montague Hall 7 8 5 ... A Clark 10
13 -54352 SHARAF (17) (BF) W Muir 5 8 5 ... Dane O'Neill 5
14 4000-5 SARASOTA STORM (J36) R Frost 6 8 2 ... N Adams 6
15 -50343 PARDAN (17) B Palling 4 8 0 ... T Sprake 16
16 52-650 PIANIST (27) Miss K George 3 7 10 ... P Doe (5) 11 B
– 16 declared –

Minimum weight: 7st 10lb. True handicap weight: Pianist 7st 9lb
BETTING: 5-1 Tasik Chini, 11-2 Sovereign Crest, 6-1 Fast Forward Fred, 7-1 Sharaf, 8-1 Pardan, 10-1 Woody's Boy, Limelight, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT

If the rain gets into the ground there would be a question-mark against a number of leading fancies. Limelight, who usually runs well here, merits respect, but MINNISAM looks less exposed and comes from the small stable which has a good line on modest staying form via Bride's Pride

4.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS LEICESTER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 5f 161yds

1 30001/4 THAT MAN AGAIN (13) (C) S C Williams 6 9 11 ... D Holland 15 B
2 010100 MANGUS (6) K Cunningham-Brown 4 9 10 ... M Roberts 2
3 35-060 CARBON (28) (D) Lady Herries 3 9 8 ... A Clark 7
4 004660 SIR JOEY (USA) (4) (D) P Murphy 9 9 8 ... D Harrison 11
5 2255- INDIAN SILVER (330) M Channon 3 9 4 ... A Eddery (7) 1
6 514523 BRAMBLE BEAR (13) (C) M Blanshard 4 9 4 ... J Quinn 16
7 10-060 LADY CHARLOTTE (13) (CD) D Elsworth 3 9 4 ... N Pollard (5) 8
8 -06340 BEYOND CALCULATION (10) (D) J M Bradley 4 9 2 ... S Drowne 6
9 610050 LONGWICK LAD (13) (CD) W Muir 5 9 2 ... Dane O'Neill 12
10 460360 MALIBU MAN (6) (C) (D) E Wheeler 5 9 1 ... S Whitworth 17 B
11 040253 BEAU VENTURE (USA) (12) (CD) B Palling 10 9 1 ... T Sprake 9
12 022053 MYTTONS MISTAKE (14) R Hodges 5 8 12 ... R Cochrane 14
13 322535 CAUDA EQUINA (8) (C) (D) (BF) M Channon 4 8 11 ... A Mackay 4
14 12111 SIHAFI (USA) (4) (C) (D) D Nicholls 5 8 8 ... P Goode (7) 13
15 426600 MUTASAWWAR (38) (D) M Saunders 4 8 4 ... R Ffrench 10
16 -31000 AFTER EIGHT (15) (D) M Saunders 3 8 0 ... A McCarthy (3) 3
17 500-05 APPLE SAUCE (10) L G Cottrell 3 7 10 ... F Norton 5
– 17 declared –

Minimum weight: 7st 10lb. True handicap weight: Apple Sauce 7st 9lb
BETTING: 3-1 Sihafi, 8-1 Myttons Mistake, 10-1 That Man Again, Bramble Bear, Longwick Lad, Malibu Man, Beau Venture, Cauda Equina, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

There will be many prepared to play up recent winnings on Sihafi, and understandably so though this is arguably his stiffest task to date and there could be trouble among the high numbers with many fancied runners scrambling for position. In the circumstances, it might pay to chance a low-drawn horse at a decent price and BEYOND CALCULATION fits the bill, having twice run well over course and distance in June.

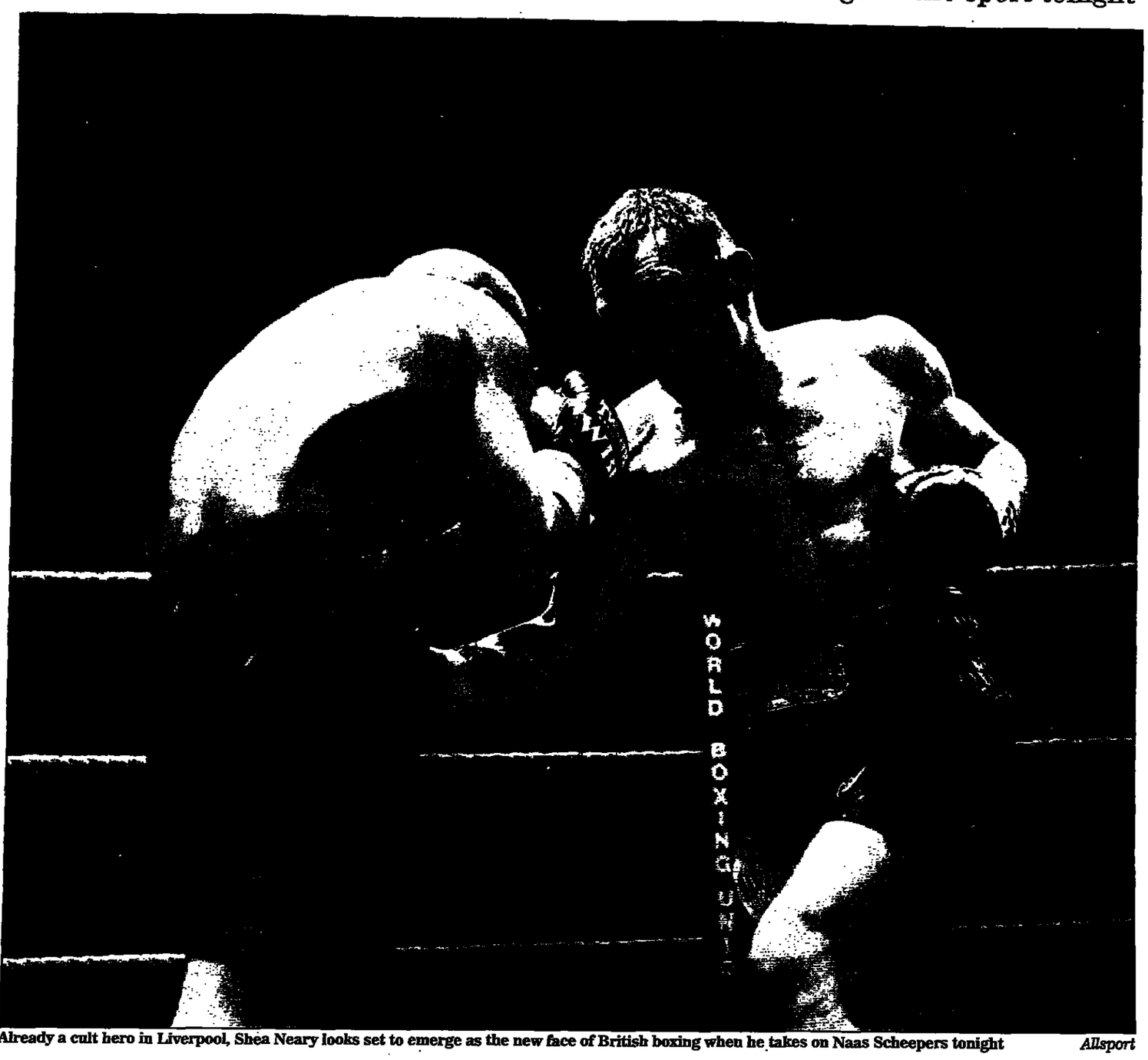
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Boxing: ITV could be the unlikely saviours of British boxing when they resume terrestrial coverage of the sport tonight

Neary to provide mass appeal



Already a cult hero in Liverpool, Shea Neary looks set to emerge as the new face of British boxing when he takes on Naas Scheepers tonight *Allsport*

BY GLYN LEACH

ON THE surface, tonight's World Boxing Union championship promotion in Widnes does not appear to be overly endowed with significance. The Norfolk-based WBU, while gaining respect, is perhaps the fifth most prestigious of the world sanctioning bodies; and, even on a good day, Widnes bears little relation to Las Vegas.

But ITV has selected this evening's WBU light-welterweight title defence by the Liverpool cult hero Shea Neary for the network's return to live boxing after an absence of almost four years. And the importance of the terrestrial television company's renewed interest cannot be overstated: such a development is imperative to boxing's survival in this country.

Boxing has always drawn large viewing audiences for terrestrial television. In 1994, the last year that ITV featured the sport, boxing provided three of ITV's top five sports audience ratings, all in excess of 10 million.

However, the network became tired of building fighters who, once they were famous, would leave for more lucrative contracts with satellite networks such as BSkyB. This, plus ITV having been sold some terrible mismatches in the past, made the network shy away from the sport.

ITV's return is due in large part to the network's recently appointed controller of sport, Brian Barwick, who is a committed boxing fan. Barwick's faith in the sport has led to the network giving it one more try.

"We are slowly dipping our toes back into the water to see what response we get from the public," Barwick said. "Shea Neary is exactly the sort of fighter we want because he is young and exciting. But he's merely the start.

"I worked at the BBC when we would get half the nation watching Barry McGuigan against Eusebio Pedroza and 20 million tuning in to Frank Bruno against Tim Witherspoon. Those were very exciting days when the whole country was talking about boxing.

"I detect a real acceptance within boxing that terrestrial television must become involved again. There simply is not the interest in the sport that there once was. Boxing is dying on its feet. But I believe, given its previous popularity, that boxing can fight back."

It certainly needs to. Boxing's television ratings for 1997 make disturbing reading. Naseem Hamed's last fight on ITV, in 1994, was watched in 11 million homes, yet the largest TV audience he attracted on Sky Sports last year was 831,000. And that was 300,000 viewers more than Sky's next best boxing audience.

The biggest boxing viewership of 1997 was for a relatively obscure Commonwealth middleweight title fight between Sheffield's Paul Jones and South Africa's Johnson Tshuma, fighters unknown to all but hardcore boxing fans. Over 2.5 million watched that fight, shown on a delayed basis by BBC1, which says it will watch ITV's "experiment" with interest but has no immediate plans to increase its own small commitment to boxing.

Superficially, British boxing has never had it-so good. The sport has been a mainstay of satellite programming since the dawn of the dishes in the mid-1980s; and the boxing economy is healthier than ever since it has become driven almost exclusively by satellite network money.

But with boxing available to only a relatively small percentage of the public, knowledge and recognition of contemporary fighters are at an all-time low and there are fears for the future of the sport.

Emerging talents such as Joe Calzaghe, Robin Reid and Ryan Rhodes – marketable fighters of world championship calibre – have difficulty in drawing live crowds far in excess of 1,000. The fighters of tomorrow are essentially faceless. Sky can provide them with opportunities, but it cannot make them household names because the network is available in too few households.

Aside from Frank Bruno, who rose to prominence on BBC1, all the major British boxing stars of recent years – Nigel Benn, Chris Eubank, Lennox Lewis and Naseem Hamed – built their reputations on ITV before moving to Sky.

"It's a painful thing for Sky to accept, but I could show three Shea Neary fights and he would become instantly more famous than a very talented world champion like Joe Calzaghe," Barwick said.

The undefeated Neary's destroy or be destroyed approach has been likened to that of a young Benn by ITV's Gary Newbon. Already an enormous attraction in Liverpool, where his innovative and independent promoters have staged his fights before large and enthusiastic crowds, Neary has a large responsibility resting on his shoulders when he faces South Africa's Naas Scheepers tonight. But his promoter, John Hyland, insists his man is up to the task.

"ITV could not have started on a better footing," Hyland said. "Shea loves to entertain and has a chance to bring boxing back to the masses. It will be a tremendous night."

And Barwick is quietly confident that tonight's fight, which will be shown at 10.40pm, will be the start of something big.

"I am not expecting a great audience because it will take time for the public to realise that boxing is back on ITV," he said. "But I would like to see a healthy viewing figure so at least we can be confident that the potential is still there. We shall see what the ratings are and take it from there."

A GUIDE TO THE CHANNEL-HOPPERS OF BRITISH BOXING



LENNOX LEWIS

Titles: The two-time World Boxing Council heavyweight champion
Pro debut: June 1989, a second-round win on ITV. Association with Barry Hearn saw him fight on ITV and Screensport where, aside from win over Gary Mason in March 1991, shown by BBC1, he stayed until joining Sky for his November 1991 win over Levi Billups. Loss to Oliver McCall in September 1994 was on the now-defunct Wire and his comeback fight in May 1995, was shown by BBC1. Rest of his career has been on Sky and his win over Shannon Briggs in March was pay-per-view.



NASEEM HAMED

Titles: The World Boxing Organisation and former International Boxing Federation featherweight champion
Pro debut: April 1992, a second-round stoppage of Ricky Beard, and his next fight later that month was shown jointly by ITV and Screensport. His win over Alan Ley in February 1993 was shown by BBC1, but he returned to ITV in January 1994 and stayed until May 1995, when his victory over Enrique Angeles was screened by Sky. He has had three PPV fights in the last 18 months.



CHRIS EUBANK

Titles: A former WBO middleweight and super middleweight champion
Pro debut: October 1985, a four-round victory over Tim Brown in America, where he had his first five fights. On returning to Britain, his association with Hearn saw him on ITV and Screensport, but his victory over Mauricio Amaral in July 1994 kicked off an eight-fight campaign on Sky said to be worth £10m. After his first loss to Steve Collins, in March 1995, Eubank took two fights in the Middle East, shown by Eurosport. But he returned to Sky in October 1997 and has stayed with them since.



NIGEL BENN

Titles: The former WBO middleweight and WBC super middleweight champion
Pro debut: January 1987, a second-round knockout which was screened by ITV. An association with Hearn saw fights on the now defunct Screensport in association with ITV, where he stayed until July 1995 and the win over Vincenzo Nardiello, which was televised by Sky. His final fight, the rematch with Steve Collins in November 1996, was a Sky PPV presentation.



FRANK BRUNO

Titles: The former WBC heavyweight champion
Pro debut: March 1982, a first-round knockout of Lupe Guerra, which was screened by BBC1, where he stayed until his first fight with Mike Tyson in February 1989, which was the first major boxing show covered by Sky. He returned to terrestrial TV for his comeback, with fights on BBC and ITV, but his subsequent world title challenges in October 1993 and September 1995 were shown by Sky and his rematch with Tyson in March 1996 was the first Sky PPV presentation.

Tributes for Cummings

BASKETBALL

BY RICHARD TAYLOR

THE SUDDEN death of Adrian Cummings, the 30-year-old former England international who collapsed during a practice session at the weekend, has left his former colleagues and playing rivals determined to stage testimonial games and fund-raising events in his memory.

Cummings was a member of the National Cup-winning Thames Valley Tigers last season and was also in their starting line-up for his last competitive games, at Wembley Arena for the Budweiser League play-offs in May.

On Friday night at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre he was playing in a "pick-up" game to stay sharp for the Pro-Am summer league. The ball went out of bounds and Cummings walked over to collect it, became unwell and sat down at the courtside before collapsing. Temporarily revived in the ambulance, he was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

Cummings was exceptionally athletic and a prodigious leaper, who comfortably played "above the ring" and blocked shots and dunked the ball over taller opponents.

Mark Robinson, the American chief executive of the Basketball Players' Association, said: "We aim to organise a memorial game for Adrian at the Pro-Am finals this weekend. When a guy gives his whole life to the sport, as Adrian did, basketball has to ask itself what it can do in return for him and his family." Cummings, who played eight times for England, leaves a pregnant girlfriend.

Mike Smith, chief executive of the Basketball League, said: "We all have visions of Adrian as tremendously fit, leaping all over the courts and obviously enjoying every moment of the game. All basketball is shocked."

Brinn out of Games squad

SWIMMING

BY JAMES PARRACK

THE JAMAICAN Sion Brinn was withdrawn from the England Commonwealth Games team yesterday after falling short of meeting the 18-month residency rule set by the Commonwealth Games Federation in Malaysia.

After lengthy talks between Brinn and the Amateur Swimming Association, the Commonwealth Games council for England was notified that there was insufficient evidence to continue his appeal and no further enquiry would be made as to his eligibility to compete.

His withdrawal, although no great surprise, is a blow to a team that had the potential for its best Games ever, surpassing the seven golds they won in Brisbane in 1982. His absence will particularly be felt in the 4x100m freestyle relay team, which, with him in, would have been strong enough to challenge the Australians for gold. He will be replaced by Bolton's Anthony Howard.

"Obviously I'm upset," Brinn said. "I would have had two months to get in great shape and be a top contender at the Games and now it's not happening."

Mike Terrybrune, the director of swimming for England, added: "We're disappointed he can meet the criteria of Fina, the world governing body, which only requires residency for one year, but not the Commonwealth Games. Maybe they have to cater for all sports, but it's just a shame they didn't look at this case in the light of swimming's rules. Sion has integrated easily and fully at the University of Bath and we see him as an important person in the squad. The relay would really have made an exciting team."

Unfortunately, we will have to wait until next year's European Championships to see it.

RACING RESULTS

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2.15: (7f 2yo maiden stakes)
1. MENEER .....L Dettori 2-9 fav
2. Election Promise Pat Eddery 12-1
3. Enfilade .....K Fallon 7-1
Also ran: 20-1 Alexander, 33-1 Laurel Prince (5th), 50-1 Love Diamonds, Myrton's Moment (4th), 100-1 Lady Iona (5th).
8 ran. 7, 3½, ¼, 5, 1. (*Winner brown colt by Silver Hawk out of Mrs West*, trained by J Gosden at Newmarket for Sheikh Mohammed). **Tote:** £1.20; £1.10, £1.60. £1.20. DF: £3.80. CSF: £3.30. NR: Makebelieve Island.

2.45: (1m 2f maiden stakes)
1. RAKEEB .....K Fallon 13-8 fav
2. Magic Of Aloha .....M Hills 4-1
3. Man Of Courage ...Pat Eddery 2-1
Also ran: 6-1 Alfannan (4th).
4 ran. 9, 3, dist. (Winner chestnut colt by Irish River out of Ice House, trained by A Stewart at Newmarket for Hamdan Al Maktoum). **Tote:** £2.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £7.01. NR: Its My Pleasure

3.15: (1m 2f 192yds 3yo handicap)
1. ASHLEIGH BAKER ..G Faulkner 13-2
2. Donna's Double ....W Supple 100-30
3. Inchahoy .....N Kennedy 33-1
Also ran: 5-2 fav Saintes (5th), 9-2 Forty Love (6th), 5-1 Murmoon, 8-1 Princess Sceptre, 33-1 Won't Forget Me (4th).
8 ran. 2½, 2, 7, ¼, 1¾. (*Winner brown filly by Don't Forget Me out of Gayla Orchestra*, trained by A Bailey at Tarporley for The David James Partnership). **Tote:** £9.10; £1.50, £1.40, £7.70. DF: £16.00. CSF: £26.51. Tricast: £602.48.

3.45: (1m 2f Group 3 Scottish Classic)
1. WINTER ROMANCE ..K Fallon 4-1
2. Rabi .....L Dettori 9-2
3. King Alex.....Pat Eddery 7-2
Also ran: 3-1 fav Alboostan (4th), 9-2 Lord Of Men (5th), 16-1 Hunters Of Brora (IRE) (5th), 50-1 Vagabond Chanteuse, 200-1 Bend Wavy.
8 ran. 1½, 2½, 3, 4. dd-ht. (*Winner chestnut horse by Cadeaux Genereux out of Island Wedding*, trained by E Dunlop at Newmarket for Maktoum Al Maktoum). **Tote:** £5.20; £1.10, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £14.10. CSF: £19.41.

4.15: (6f handicap)
1. JEFFREY ANOTHERRED ..J Weaver 7-1
2. Indian Spark .....A Culhane 4-1
3. Unshaken .....K Fallon 5-2 fav
Also ran: 4-1 Sue Me, 8-1 Cumbrian Caruso, 10-1 Mister Wessisound (5th), 12-1 Lago Di Varano (6th), 16-1 Mamma's Boy, 25-1 Skyers Flyer (4th), 66-1 Sharp Gayle.
10 ran. 6, 1¼, ½, nk, nk. (*Winner boy gelding by Emarati out of First Pleasure*, trained by M Dods at Darlington for A G Watson). **Tote:** £10.50; £2.50, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £36.10. CSF: £33.05. Tricast: £83.26.

4.45: (7f handicap)
1. GREY KINGDOM K Darley 3-1 fav
2. Persian Fayre .....K Fallon 6-1
3. Buzz .....Dean McKeown 9-2
Also ran: 5-1 Magic Mill (5th), 6-1 Peppiatt, 7-1 The Munro's (4th), 12-1 Selkirk Rose (6th), 14-1 Trojan Hero.
8 ran. ½, hd, 4, 9, 4. (*Winner grey gelding by Grey Desire out of Miss Realm*, trained by M Brittain at Wart Hill for himself). **Tote:** £3.50; £1.30, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £5.00 CSF: £19.55 Tricast: £72.73. **Jackpot:** £6,513.70.
Placepot: £33.70. **Quadpot:** £19.10.

WOLVERHAMPTON

2.00: 1. RON'S ROUND (M Henry) 1-3 fav; **2. Yeoman Oliver** 20-1; **3. San Giacomo Melody** 33-1. **13 ran.** 1½, 2. (M Pipe, Wellington). **Tote:** £1.60; £1.30, £3.50. £7.70. DF: £8.90. CSF: £14.39. Tricast: £117.49.

2.30: 1. OVER THE MOON (R Smith) 2-1 fav; **2. Lady Ell** 9-2; **3. C-Harry** 5-1. **13 ran.** 1¼, 8. (N Littmoden, Wolverhampton). **Tote:** £3.20; £1.80, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £8.50. CSF: £10.01.

3.00: 1. MOOCHA CHA MAN (R Cochrane) 15-8; **2. Miss Multiply** 8-1; **3. Pokeit** 7-1. **8 ran.** 7-4 fav Trojan Girl. 2, 4. (B McMahon, Tamworth). **Tote:** £3.10; £1.50, £3.20, £1.30. DF: £53.20. CSF: £18.11.

3.30: 1. GRAND CHAPEAU (R Cochrane) 2-1 fav; **2. Aljaz** 13-2; **3. Cool Secret** 33-1. **11 ran.** ¼, nk. (D Nicholls, Thirsk). **Tote:** £2.90; £1.80, £3.10, £7.10. DF: £9.40. CSF: £14.69 Tricast: £322.92.

4.00: 1. GIFTO WE'RE GONZO (P McCabe) 14-1; **2. Torpedo Ray** 9-4; **3. My Mother's Dream** 2-1 fav. **7 ran.** 3½, 2. (Mrs N Macauley, Melton Mowbray). **Tote:** £18.10; £5.00, £1.80. DF: £22.50. CSF: £46.62.

4.30: 1. PHILOSOPHIC (R Ffrench) 6-1; **2. Operatic** 5-1; **3. Norski Lad** 6-4 fav. **9 ran.** Hd, 1¼. (Mrs L Jewell, Maidstone). **Tote:** £10.10; £2.10, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £13.00. CSF: £34.80. Tricast: £62.94. NR: Filmore West.
Placepot: £56.30. **Quadpot:** £65.20.

BEVERLEY

6.35: 1. ALBRIGHTON (M Fenton) 10-1; **2. Rabea** Evens fav; **3. Thye** 7-1. **11 ran.** 2½. 5. (C Thornton). **Tote:** £14.30; £2.70, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £11.40. CSF: £19.82. Tricast: £80.08.

7.05: 1. LIGHTNING BLAZE (A McCarthy) 5-2 fav; **2. Miss Campanula** 11-1; **3. Five Ways Flyer** 13-2. **9 ran.** 1. hd. (P McEntee). **Tote:** £2.80; £1.40, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £17.90. CSF: £30.37. NR: Formidable Star.

WINDSOR

6.20: 1. PREMIER LEAGUE (N Carlisle) 8-1; **2. Starpost** 7-1; **3. Shambles** 10-1; **4. Arzaal** 8-1. **20 ran.** 3-1 fav Formidable Flame. 2½, hd. (K Cunningham-Brown). **Tote:** £14.10; £2.70, £2.00, £2.50, £2.60. DF: £39.00. CSF: £63.71. Tricast: £557.95.

6.50: 1. MUJADENE (Pat Eddery) 8-11 fav; **2. Corndavon** 20-1; **3. Charge** 5-1. **11 ran.** 4, ½. (B Meehan). **Tote:** £1.90; £1.10, £4.60, £1.90. DF: £12.00. CSF: £26.65.

■ Kieren Fallon rode a 12-1 double at Ayr yesterday, including the Scottish Classic. The champion jockey was at his best as he produced Winter Romance inside the final furlong to deny Frankie Dettori on board Rabi. After Lord Of Men had cut out the early running, King Alex took over at the head of affairs in the straight. However, they were queuing up behind Roger Charlton's charge and there were four in a line at the two pole with favourite Alboostan joining the leader and eventual winner and runner-up. With the opposition seemingly struggling to last home it was Fallon who got the best run to give Winter Romance his fourth victory, all achieved with give in the ground. That was a point taken up by former jockey Bruce Raymond, representing owner Maktoum Al Maktoum. "He must have easy ground at least," said Raymond. "He's pretty consistent but we have had to take him abroad a lot to get the ground. "It's a nice race for this horse to win although where he goes next will depend on the conditions." Saeed bin Suroor had no excuses for the runner-up other than to say he felt his charge had failed to get the 10 furlongs. Fallon had earlier been successful on Rakeeb,

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Athletics: Scot on the rise after barnstorming 300m victory at Gateshead over cream of British one-lap sprinters



Doug Walker (centre) extends his lead towards the finishing line of Sunday's 300m at Gateshead, leaving Iwan Thomas (second right) and Mark Richardson (far right) trailing *Empics*

No standing still for Walker

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

DOUG WALKER is starting to make people sit up and take notice. The 24-year-old Edinburgh sprinter, who humbled Britain's leading 400 metres runners over the hybrid distance of 300m at Sunday's Bupa Games in Gateshead, has carried on where he left off last season, having helped Britain to win the sprint relay bronze at the World Championships.

Last month, having been given the British 200m place at the European Cup in St Petersburg after much deliberation by the selectors, who also considered the strong claims of the 21-year-old Julian Golding, Walker fully repaid the faith invested in him.

Despite suffering from a debilitating stomach upset – a legacy of drinking St Petersburg's notorious water – Walker imposed himself on the race, establishing an early lead and crossing the line well clear of his nearest rival, then vomiting copiously at the side of the track.

He had given everything and that commitment was evident again on Sunday night as the Scot entered the home straight with a three-metre lead over the likes of Mark Richardson, Iwan Thomas and Roger Black. The trackside interview with Channel 4 had to be delayed as the Scot – who is always ill immediately after racing – took a little retching time. "I do most of my training really fast because of my stomach," Walker said. "It won't stand volume work. As for racing – it's got to the stage where if I'm not ill I think I haven't run hard enough."

Walker, who was only drafted into the Gateshead race after intensive lobbying of the organisers, cut a less remarkable figure than the one who had competed in Russia in one obvious respect: the dyed ginger hair, which made him look like a member of Romania's World Cup football team, was a thing of the past. He was back to his natural black.

It was, of course, only a 300m race on Sunday, what Walker described afterwards as a "silly event", even though it earned him $20,000 (£12,500) on the night for winning in what was a European and Commonwealth record of 31.56sec. Had he run just 0.09sec faster, the world record – and a further $50,000 – would have been his. Who knows how close he might have come had the evening not been one of grey skies and relentless rain.

Black, who captained Britain's victorious team in St Petersburg, was sufficiently impressed by the performance to advise Walker to consider moving up distances.

"It is a good job he isn't a 400m runner," Black said. "Maybe he should think about it one day. And if I were him, I would think about it soon. It was a fantastic run."

Black believes that the future of British one-lap running will lie with natural sprinters who move up to the distance. Walker does regard himself ultimately as a 200m to 400m runner, but the jump, if it occurs, is going to have to wait. This season he has his eyes on winning next month's European 200m title in Budapest.

That is something that looks like an increasing possibility. If the run at Gateshead emphasised his endurance, his performance the previous day on his home track at Meadowbank indicated his outstanding natural speed.

Backed by a wind of 2.9 metres per second, which nullified his performance for record purposes, he crossed the line in 10.01sec, 0.01sec behind the 100m specialist Ian Mackie. Even adding 0.10sec to that time to nullify the wind advantage it was a hugely encouraging effort, 10.11sec being the Scottish national record held by the 1980 Olympic 200m champion Allan Wells.

Walker has a background in professional sprinting – he held six titles on grass over various distances in 1994. His biggest payday before the Gateshead race came when he won £4,000 as winner of the New Year Sprint at Meadowbank, recording 11.07sec off a 2.25m handicap – a time beaten only by the legendary Powderhall sprinter George McNeil.

While Walker's immediate target is next weekend's AAA trials in Birmingham, where he seeks a 200m place at the European Championships, he will end the month by going back to his roots, as it were, running on grass in the Langham meeting in the Borders in a handicap race for a £350 first prize.

Money has been almost too tight to mention for Walker in recent years. Even last year, this graduate in estate management from Heriot-Watt University had to get by with a £3,000 Lottery grant. But his performance at the World Championships, where he also reached the semi-finals in the individual 200m, put him in the UK Award Scheme, guaranteeing £1,050 per month.

"It's not a fortune, but I have paid my debts and given my folks something towards food and rent like I should have done years ago."

Walker's financial circumstances might have been very different had he chosen a another course five years ago. He might have become a rugby union player.

As a winger in the Scottish schools side of 1990-91 he played alongside current full Scottish internationals Craig Joiner, Derek Lee and the British Lion Gregor Townsend. But Walker, who went on to play briefly for Heriot's FP before an incident in which he was stood on by a large prop forward – has mixed feelings over those days.

"Gregor was really gifted but he was a greedy bugger," Walker recalled. "He never passed to us." His decision to choose athletics over rugby came after growing disillusionment about the game. "I was busting a gut in games where many players were not as committed as I was," he said. "That was why I switched, and I have no regrets. There is more sense of purpose in athletics because you achieve through your own efforts. And far too many people are getting het up about money in rugby."

That said, there was a small damper on Sunday night's occasion when someone mentioned Elliot Bunney, Walker's training partner and – as of recently – agent. "Now I have to give him his cut," said Walker with a rueful smile.

Still, there will be plenty more where that came from.

Clubs asked to vote on new body

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

THE DAY of judgement approaches for British athletics. Dave Moorcroft, the man who has carried the main burden of turning the domestic sport around following last October's financial collapse of the British Athletic Federation, announced yesterday that clubs would be sent detailed proposals for a new UK body on which they would have to vote before 30 September.

After an exhaustive period of consultation, the small steering committee over which Moorcroft presides as chief executive is asking the clubs, effectively, to back them or sack them.

Five core principles have been formulated, and clubs will be asked to return a vote – either for or against. If the plans are favoured, a new body, Athletics UK, would come into being in January of next year.

"For the first time on such a major issue, you are being asked directly to influence the future of athletics," Moorcroft's message to the clubs reads.

"If we are ultimately to implement these proposals with passion and conviction, we must first know whether the sport is behind us." The passion which Moorcroft and co are expecting is a relative measure. In the past, the rate of response for club votes has been around 20 per cent.

"I am hoping at least 30 per cent will make the effort to respond," Moorcroft said. "It will be a hard challenge to get a lot of clubs to vote, and I expect there will be apathy from smaller clubs who feel it doesn't really affect them." The key proposals seek to streamline a sport which came to grief largely because of political infighting and a cumbersome, geographical infrastructure of committees.

Proposal four reads: "To ensure greater accountability and effectiveness, no decision making or working group will have more than 10 people in it. (This contrasts with the former BAF, which had groups of 20-30, rising to 64 in the case of the BAF council)." All appointments will be based "on competence and skills, rather than geographical or functional representation" – thus seeking to avoid the block voting which has made progress so difficult in the sport.

The other proposals relate to the plan to split the sport into three parts – performance, development and competitions – and a stated intention that Athletics UK will seek to support rather than intervene "and overly control". Finally, it is proposed that an overall president of Athletics UK will be elected by the clubs who will hold no other office during their time.

■ Chinese sports authorities have banned two athletes found guilty of doping offences from competition for two years and their coaches for one year, according to the *Guangming Daily* yesterday.

The two were named as Li Yi, from eastern Jiangsu province, and Zhou Jing, from northern Hebei. The report did not specifically identify their sports, although the punishments were handed down by the Chinese Track and Field Association.

Two other athletes, Chen Yuxiang, from eastern Shandong province, and You Hanshan, from the south-eastern city of Xiamen, escaped with warnings for stimulant use, although their competition results were annulled and their coaches banned for three months.

Chinese sports officials have vowed to take tough measures against drug cheats and their coaches. As part of heightened anti-drug measures, the Chinese Swimming Association plans to impose life bans on first-time steroid offenders.

Jones proves the best of the best

MARION JONES capped an excellent evening of sprinting at the Goodwill Games on Sunday by beating the fastest women's 100 metres field ever assembled on the opening day of the 15-event competition.

For the first time, each of the eight starters had previously clocked under 11 seconds, with Jones second fastest on the all-time list followed by the Jamaican Merlene Ottey.

Jones showed no outward concern after her false start and went on to win in 10.90sec, her ninth straight win over 100m and her 19th at the 100m, 200m and long jump.

"It wasn't the best race," the American world champion said. "But I'm happy to come here today and win. The false start didn't really make a difference."

Ottey, who finished three-tenths of a second behind Jones, refused to concede the flame of women's sprinting had passed to a new generation. The 38-year-old Jamaican said she did not believe the American world champion was unbeatable.

"I believe I can beat her," Ottey said. "My motivation this year is to beat her."

Bryan Bronson, one of the handful of élite athletes who can stop Jones winning the Golden League million dollar jackpot this year, clocked the seventh fastest time in history with 47.15sec in the men's 400 hurdles and Ato Boldon won the men's 200m in 20.15 against a slight headwind.

Bronson, the American champion who recorded the third fastest time ever at the US trials, said he thought he could better Kevin Young's six-year-old world record.

Boldon, who won the world title in Athens last year, meanwhile, exuded his usual confidence as he set his sights on Michael Johnson's world record.

"Some people didn't think 19.32 would be run until 2020," he said. "Maybe we can prove the experts wrong."

Boldon said he had felt extra pressure to win on Sunday through the presence of a vocal section of New York's Caribbean population at the modest Mitchel Athletic Complex on Long Island.

For the basketball, a large and vocal Puerto Rican contingent at Madison Square Garden cheered the defending champions to an 84-76 win over the United States after Puerto Rico had trailed by 19 points with 15 minutes to go.

Eddie Casiano, who confessed it had been the biggest mistake of his life to turn down a chance to play college basketball in the United States, scored 31 points for Puerto Rico.

"Once they started missing open shots, we just did what we had to do," he said.

In the gymnastics competition, Russia's world and European champion Svetlana Khorkina, who has been troubled by a sore back, fell during the floor exercise to lose her chance of taking the women's overall title.

Henman moves to his highest ranking

TENNIS

BY DERRICK WHYTE

TIM HENMAN, without striking a ball in competition last week, has moved up one place to 11 in the latest world rankings announced yesterday – the highest placing of his career.

Henman's rise was due to fact that Felix Mantilla lost 65 points last week, allowing the British No 2, who has 2,088 ranking points, to move above the 23-year-old Spaniard.

Greg Rusedski, the British No 1 who is still bothered by the ankle injury he received at the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club, London, last month, remains at six in the world rankings.

Like Henman, Rusedski, who has 2,706 points, is fortunate that he has no points to lose for the next four weeks. So the fact that he has withdrawn from the Washington and Los Angeles tournaments this week and next should not affect his ranking unless players immediately beneath him do exceptionally well.

The difficult time for Rusedski and Henman will come next month when they both have points to defend at the New Haven tournament and then the US Open.

Rusedski, in particular, could be in trouble if he is even slightly bothered by his ankle problem at the US Open for he has 653 points to defend.

Chris Wilkinson, the British No 3 from Southampton who won the LTA Manchester Challenger yesterday, has moved from 149 to 133 in the world rankings. Wilkinson needed just over an hour to win the title for a second time in four years. He defeated Stefano Pescosolido, 6-3, 6-4, to earn 60 valuable ranking points.

The final had been held over from Sunday because of rain and a shower broke out shortly after Wilkinson wrapped up victory. The 28-year-old said: "I had one eye on the match and one eye on the weather. Had it gone into a third set or even a tie-break in the second, we might have finished waiting round again. I felt more relaxed today and that certainly helped because this was my best performance of the tournament."

Wilkinson only needed to break Pescosolido's serve once in each set to win and leave the Italian as runner-up for the second year in a row.



Henman: 11th in world

Schofield's uncertain status

RUGBY LEAGUE

HUDDERSFIELD ARE denying they have sacked Garry Schofield as their coach. The former Great Britain international was relieved of his coaching duties at the McAlpine Stadium yesterday after the Giants, promoted to Super League last year, won just two of their first 13 games of the season.

Early reports stated that Schofield, eight months into a three-year contract, had been dismissed but Les Coulter, the club's chief executive, insisted otherwise.

"Garry has not been sacked," he said. "He's still a very important full-time member of the club.

"The Super League rules are clear – coaches must have a Level III in coaching. Garry doesn't have it."

Schofield is being kept on as a player while his assistant, the former St Helens player, Phil Veivers, took charge of yesterday's training session.

Huddersfield are looking to appoint a new boss in time for Friday's Super League Roadshow fixture with Hull in Gateshead.

Andy Goodway, the England and Great Britain coach who is assistant to John Monie at Wigan, is believed to top Huddersfield's wanted list, with Shaun McRae, whose contract at St Helens expires at the end of the season, also being linked with the post.

Schofield, who joined Huddersfield from Leeds in February 1996, is expected to place the matter in the hands of his solicitor, but declined to comment yesterday.

The former Great Britain captain, who succeeded Steve Ferres last November, has played only infrequently this season, insisting he could not combine the two roles.

He is the first Super League coaching casualty of 1998 – a sharp contrast to last year when seven top-flight coaches were dismissed in the first three months of the season.

Coulter added: "Garry has had to contend with a horrendous injury list and we do not apportion any blame to him."

Away from the club scene Clive Griffiths has called on the game's bosses to arrange more international fixtures for his reformed Wales side.

Griffiths helped steer Wales to the semi-finals of the 1995 World Cup but they have not played since. There is talk of this autumn's triangular tournament featuring Ireland, Scotland and France being expanded into a full-blown Five Nations' Championship, something that cannot come soon enough for Griffiths.

"If you are serious about international rugby you've got to have regular matches," he said.

The Welsh manager, who watched his side lose 15-12 to England on Sunday, said that he has not been offered a coaching job with the proposed new Super League clubs Cardiff and Swansea, so he intends to stay in rugby union at London Welsh, who have won promotion to the Allied Dunbar Premiership Second Division, unless he receives an offer from a league club.

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Busy Baister draws up plan of action

RUGBY UNION

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

HOWEVER CRAMMED Brian Baister's schedule before his election at the Rugby Football Union's annual meeting on Sunday, as chairman of the management board it will be nothing to what lies in store. The pace stepped up from busy to hectic as he fielded dozens of calls, the first well before 9am, as the world woke up to the fact that change was in the air at Twickenham following Cliff Brittle's defeat in the Birmingham vote.

Baister, a former deputy chief constable for Cheshire and now the European Security Adviser to ICI, intends keeping his job and has announced that he will be perfectly happy to delegate responsibility to the RFU's paid staff. Even so, he can expect to spend a fair amount of time out of his office as he tries to spread himself in his new role.

He remained in the north yesterday clearing up outstanding work. "I have spent today making arrangements to meet people and responding to the many approaches from the media," Baister said.

He was quickly into his stride, quashing rumours of the possibility of Cardiff and Swansea taking part in a 'shadow' Allied Dunbar Premiership and playing English sides on free days. In a statement issued by Baister from Twickenham last night the new chairman said: "There has been increasing speculation regarding the possibility of Cardiff and Swansea playing friendly fixtures against Allied Dunbar Premiership clubs this season.

"The RFU can confirm that it will directly oppose any fixtures which affect and interrupt the Allied Dunbar league programme. The RFU fully expects to be in a position to approve fixture lists for all Allied Dunbar Premiership games this week and anticipates that this will be in line with the structured season agreed between the clubs and the RFU and implicit in the Mayfair agreement."

Even with that out of the way there are still a number of outstanding items from the previous regime, most pressing of which is the appointment of a chief executive.

"I intend spending the first week meeting company headhunters regarding the new chief executive and meeting people to form the relationship which is so vital to the role of chairman," said the former detective chief superintendent of the Metropolitan Police. That begins tomorrow when he will enter Twickenham for the first time as chairman.

"I will be having one-to-one meetings with all the directors at Twickenham," Baister added. "And at lunchtime I will meet the entire staff. I think it is important to establish a relationship with the staff and paid executive, but it is equally crucial to delegate tasks to the specialists employed to deal with them. We have a fine team now and need to use them to best effect."

The pace hots up to frenetic on Thursday with the first of 11 Management Board meetings in his first year in office. He will also have to address seven plenary gatherings of the RFU council in the next 12 months.

Thursday's board meeting takes place at Twickenham and it do look as if Baister, who has a law degree, is going to be given a relatively smooth start by his opponents. The RFU Reform Group (president: Fran Cotton), the backers of Brittle's campaign, issued a statement yesterday which promised hope for the immediate future. "We are disappointed that the clubs' favoured candidate [Brittle] has not been elected to the management board, but take heart that the council are listening and accepting some of the RFU Reform Group policies," said their chairman Martyn Thomas.

Referring to the items proposed by the Reform Group which were voted through on Sunday's agenda, Cotton said: "It shows that the Council accept the need for reform and we hope they will support future proposals.

"Unfortunately the problems facing the Union will not go away, but we hope Brian Baister will do what he promises and not sell us out. It is not for him to prove that he can unite the game and defend the interests of the majority."

Baister is eager to do just that and is keen to meet with the England coach Clive Woodward. "Subject to mutual availability I want to meet Clive this week. I expect to have a very useful meeting with Clive, Bill Beaumont [the National Playing Committee chairman] and Don Rutherford, our director of rugby.

"The England team has to be high on the agenda because it is of such fundamental importance to the Union and to the game throughout the land."

To that end the second item on his list of absolute musts is to establish a four-year cycle of fixtures for England, and once he has dealt with that Baister will turn his attention to the Mayfair Agreement with the clubs and building on the groundwork that has been laid. He holds out hope that the English clubs will return to the European fold.

"I do hope I can persuade them to reconsider because the participation of our clubs in a European Cup competition is not only desirable but essential to the future of English rugby," he said. "For the 1998-99 season it is impractical to consider the integration of the European Cup fixtures into what is now a crowded domestic programme. We must look to solving this before next season."

There is every chance that by the second management board meeting on 3 September the first steps will have been taken to put English rugby on the road to recovery.



Baister: Hectic schedule

Van Bon has final flourish before climb

CYCLING

BY ROBIN NICHOLL
with the Tour de France

A BRILLIANT yellow carpet of sunflowers over the hills of old Gascony gave a fitting welcome to Laurent Desbiens on his first day in the yellow jersey of the Tour de France's leading rider. The temperature headed for 40C, but Desbiens stayed cool in mind at least as a breakaway of nine riders steamed away in an escape of 169km.

Today, however, the soft undulations give way to the craggy Pyrenees, where the giant Tourmalet mountain road rises to a height of 2,116 metres, a startling change from the 336m of yesterday's biggest hill.

"I am glad I kept the jersey for another day. On Tuesday, it will be over," Desbiens said, envisaging a difficult time from four mountains before the race reaches the spa town of Luchon.

Apart from the exacting terrain, the ambitions of the Tour favourite, Jan Ullrich, Spain's Abraham Olano and, notably, the Italian mountain specialist Marco Pantani will exact a heavy toll.

Yesterday the Dutchman Leon Van Bon provided the final sprinting flourish when, in the absence of most specialists, he outstripped Jens Voigt, Massimiliano Lelli and Christophe Agnolutto with his pace at the finish in Pau.

They were the remnants of a nine-strong offensive opened by Voigt, who took second place and moved into the red polka-dot jersey of best climber. Today he will be a hard to miss target.

Pantani has to clear a deficit of 8min 25sec. How many climbs he will need should give an indication of how close he is to his Giro d'Italia-winning form.

"I have not raced on a mountain since then, and from a tactical point I am sorry about the loss of Festina because their riders could have helped in attacking Ullrich," the shaven-headed Italian said.

Ullrich has only 3:21 to clear, Olano 5:33, and another threat, the world-ranked No 1 Laurent Jalabert of France, is just 4:45 from the jersey.

Yesterday's ninth stage was the last opportunity to take time bonuses, the deductions given for the 1-2-3 at intermediate sprints and finishes.

The leading sprinters bowed out quietly, with most finishing between six and 18 minutes behind Van Bon, and the double stage winner Mario Cipollini left the race by car. He quit after complaining of stomach trouble which prevented him from eating or drinking.

The American Tyler Hamilton also suffered in the heat, and slid from eighth overall to 160th. Struggling against sickness for five days, he lost contact with the main field in the last 40 km. The Tour is hard on the suffering.

The Festina affair has left its mark, but their sponsor's publicity wagons roll on in. The messages of support for the riders were still as numerous, but in an area where many scrape a living from the land, there was an opportunity was not to be missed.

"Garlic and red wine for good health" was the roadside message. Elsewhere the banners read: "White garlic is the condiment of champions". The country folk of Beaumont did not look too bad on it.

Pau is bidding to be the starting point for a future Tour, having hosted 54 visits since the first in 1930, and its reputation in basketball and rugby union is renowned.

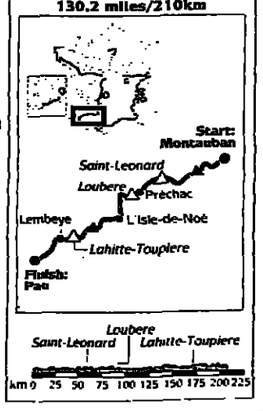
But as the gateway to the Pyrenees – where so many cycling reputations have been built and demolished – it may be too close to the mountains to have such an early part in the race.

TOUR DE FRANCE Ninth stage, Montauban to Pau, 210km: 1 L Van Bon (Neth) Rabobank 5hr 21min 10sec; 2 J Voigt (Ger) GAN; 3 M Lelli (It) COFIDIS.; 4 C Agnolutto (Fr) Casino, all same time; 5 E Zabel (Ger) Telekom +12sec; 6 R McEwan (Aus) Rabobank; 7 T Steels (Bel) Mapei; 8 M Traversoni (It) Marcatone Uno; 9 F Simon (Fr) GAN; 10 L Michaelsen (Den) TVM; 11 D Nazon (Fr) FDJ; 12 S Ivanov (Rus) TVM; 13 B Riis (Den) Telekom; 14 R Aldag (Ger) Telekom; 15 A Tchmil (Bel) Lotto, all same time.
FIVE TO FOLLOW: Stage nine: 39 A Olano (Sp) Banesto +12sec; 40 J Ullrich (Ger) Telekom; 115 M Pantani (It) Mercatone Uno, all same time. **Overall:** 47 Pantani +8:25.
Overall: 1 L Desbiens (Fr) Cofidis 41:31:16; 2 A Tafi (It) Mapei +14sec; 3 J Durand (Fr) Casino +43; 4 J Laukka (Fin) Lotto +2:54; 5 J Ullrich (Ger) Telekom +3:21; 6 B Hamburger (Den) Casino +4:39; 7 B Julich (US) Cofidis +4:39; 8 L Jalabert (Fr) ONCE +4:45; 9 V Ekimov (Rus) US Postal +5:07; 10 V Garcia-Acosta (Sp) +5:11; 11 S O'Grady (Aus) GAN +5:14; 12 A Olano (Sp) Banesto +5:33; 13 J Heppner (Ger) Telekom +5:38; 14 S Heulot (Fr) FDJ +5:47; 15 Y Berzin (Rus) FDJ +6:01.

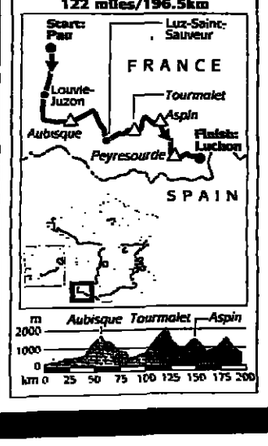


Leon Van Bon shows his delight as he finishes ahead of Jens Voigt (right) at Pau yesterday *Allsport*

YESTERDAY: STAGE 9
Montauban-Pau
130.2 miles/210km



TODAY: STAGE 10
Pau-Luchon
122 miles/196.5km



Foe fails medical to thwart United

FOOTBALL

BY ALAN NIXON

MANCHESTER UNITED'S plans to sign the Cameroon international Marc-Vivien Foe suffered a major setback last night when he failed a medical.

Foe flew in from the French champions Lens to meet Alex Ferguson, the United manager, and hoped to tie up a £3m transfer. But the midfielder, who broke his leg before the World Cup finals, was given the news that he is not rated fit enough to join United.

Foe will now miss out on signing in time for the Champions' League qualifier next month and is unlikely to be registered in time for the vital group matches. Ferguson must now hope Foe mends quickly or he may have to look elsewhere for a midfield player in a summer of transfer frustration.

An Old Trafford spokesman said last night: "Foe has been in today and met with our medical staff who assessed his development. He is still some considerable way from fitness and has returned home. He is due to come back in August. The signing depends on the progress he makes. He certainly would not be fit for the Champions' League qualifiers next month."

Jesper Blomqvist is expected to complete his transfer to United today. Blomqvist and his agent, Anders Wallsten, are arriving at Old Trafford to sort out the final details of the move from Italian club Parma.

Premiership referees are to crack down on diving and play-acting by players next season in a bid to eradicate the cheating that blighted the World Cup. The 18 officials met with Philip Don, the Premier League's recently appointed referees' officer, at Keele University in Staffordshire yesterday to ensure a co-ordinated line for next season.

As well as moving to ensure that holding, pulling, diving and feigning injury are wiped out of the Premiership, the officials will also take "strong action" to cut down the number of dangerous tackles.

Don said in a statement after the meeting: "We believe that clear action should be taken to stop the practices of holding, pulling, diving or the feigning of injury."

Prison threat to drug cheats

JAN ULLRICH, the Tour de France favourite, yesterday called for stiffer penalties against drug-taking in cycling. The French minister for sport picked up on the theme, calling for prison sentences of up to 14 years for those found dealing, writes Robin Nicholl.

"Sports people have become instruments of those with commercial aims who become overloaded with the obligation to produce results at any price," Marie-George Buffet said, announcing a draft bill of tougher measures for doping in sport.

She wants to set up a special doping commission to tackle the problem and will seek heavier penalties against drug cheats in all levels of sport.

Ullrich, who won his first Tour last year, is worried about the future after the Festina team were kicked out of competition following the confession by Bruno Roussel, the team manager, that some members had taken banned substances.

Roussel and the team doctor, Eric Ricjkaert, have been charged with inciting the use of banned substances while the masseur, Willy Voet, faces a charge of smuggling.

"Any idea of allowing the free circulation of doping products is just totally crazy," Ullrich said. "Doping controls should be stepped up. It is the only way to stamp it out. I would never wreck my body for the sake of a race. I proved last year that there is not a need to take banned products.

"I would have liked to have won the Tour time-trial on Saturday in better circumstances but it was clouded by the Festina affair. I am sorry for them but when their team director admits the use of drugs, there is only one course."

Alain van den Bossche, the former Belgian champion, admitted in a Belgian newspaper, *Het Volk*, that he had experimented with EPO (erythropoetin), a blood-enhancing agent that can be life-threatening to athletes. "Other riders in our team, and others in other teams, experimented with it between 1990 and 1994. If you want to compete with the best you need to do something."

His view was contested by the former French great, Bernard Hinault, who said cyclists could win the Tour "on mineral water." He added that only one course of action was possible once the Festina team confessed there was organised drugs use in the camp.

"The cyclists at Festina are not scapegoats," he said. "You can win all the stages, on the flat, on mountains and time-trials, without drugs."

Stars and Stripes sets new record

SAILING

THE AMERICA'S CUP competitor Stars and Stripes finished the Race to Mackinac in course-record time on Sunday, leading a field of 298 boats in the 333-mile event. The 60-foot Morrelli catamaran, piloted by Steve Fossett, came in with a finishing time of 19hr 50min 32sec, beating the previous multi-hull course record of 29:35:22, also set by Stars and Stripes in 1996.

Stars and Stripes was also first across the line in the previous weekend's Port Huron to Mackinac yacht race. Three other boats in the race from Chicago to Mackinac Island had crossed the line by early yesterday morning, including two other multi-hull competitors – RX-Site and Earth Voyager. The other was Sayonara, the first mono-hull to finish.

ATHLETICS

The 2000 Asian championships will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, it was announced yesterday, with Sri Lanka and Malaysia as back-ups.

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Bupa Games (Gateshead International Stadium): Men: **200m:** 1 D Walker (GB) 31.56; 2 M Richardson (GB) 31.87; 3 S Wariso (GB) 32.23. **2,000m:** 1 H El Guerrouf (Mor) 4:48.36; 2 A Ezzine (Mor) 5:00.84; 3 K Sullivan (Can) 5:04.35. **Mile:** 1 A Diaz (Sp) 3:56.19; 2 J Mayock (GB) 3:56.88; 3 M Pancorbo (Sp) 3:57.96. **110m hurdles:** 1 C Jackson (GB) 13.42; 2 T Jarrett (GB) 13.65; 3 P Gray (GB) 13.76. **4x100m relay:** 1 GB A 39.31sec; 2 GB B 39.55. **Triple jump:** 1 J Edwards (GB) 17.18; 2 A Kurennoy (Rus) 16.78; 3 L Achille (GB) 16.72. **Javelin:** 1 S Backley (GB) 89.89m; 2 M Roberson (GB) 85.67; 3 M Hill (GB) 81.06. **GOODWILL GAMES (New York) (all events finals unless stated): Men: 200m:** 1 A Boldon (Trin) 20.15sec; 2 T Washington (US) 20.29; 3 C Da Silva (Br) 20.81. **400m hurdles:** 1 B Bronson (US) 47.15sec; 2 A Taylor (US) 47.92; 3 R Meshchenko (Rus) 48.07. **Discus:** 1 D Shevchenko (Rus) 64.80m; 2 A Bloom (US) 63.98; 3 J Godina (US) 62.84. **Shot put:** 1 J Godina (US) 21.45m; 2 C Hunter (US) 20.79; 3 A Nelson (US) 20.39. **Javelin:** 1 S Makarov (Rus) 84.11m; 2 T Pukstys (US) 79.86; 3 A Currey (Aus) 78.50. **Decathlon (first day):** 1 C Huffins (US) 4,620pts. 2,000 O'Brien (US) 4,575; 3 E Nool (Est) 4,703. **Basketball: round-robin group A:** Australia 84 Argentina 72, Lithuania 79 Russia 72. **Group B:** Puerto Rico 84, United States 76; Brazil 75 China 60. **Women: 100m:** 1 M Jones (US) 10.90sec; 2 Z Pintusevich (Ukr) 11.09; 3 I Miller (US) 11.18. **800m:** 1 M Mutola (Moz) 1:58.83; 2 J Miles-Clark (US) 1:59.08; 3 J Clark 2:02.01. **400m hurdles:** 1 D Hemmings (Jam) 54.20sec; 2 D-A Parris (Jam) 54.48; 3 K Basten (US) 54.62. **Others:** 5 S Smith (It) 55.22. **3,000m steeplechase:** 1 S Rogova (Rus) 9min 57.62sec; 2 D Perrescu (Rom) 9:58.28; 3 L Lehane (US) 10:08.29. **Long jump:** 1 S Williams (US) 6.93m; 2 L Galkina (Rus) 6.85; 3 N Xanthou (Gr) 6.84. **Shot put:** 1 I Korotkevenko (Rus) 19.95m; 2 C Price-Smith (US) 19.46; 3 V Fedyushina (Ukr). **Other:** 6 J Oakes (GB) 18.12. **Pole vault:** 1 V Belyakova (Rus) 4.30; =3 T Gregorieva (Aus); A Balakhonova (Ukr) 4.20. **Gymnastics: All-round finals:** 1 D Mocanu (US) 38.662pts; 2 M Olaru (Rom) 37.975; 3 S Amanar (Rom) 37.850. **Synchronised Swimming, team technical programme:** 1 Russia 34.510pts; 2 United States 34.113; 3 Japan 34.020. **Duet technical programme:** 1 O Brousnikina/M Kisseleva (Rus) 34.590; 2 K Lum/B May (US) 34.323; 3 M Tachibana/M Takeda (Japan) 34.020.

12th ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Fukuoka, Japan): Men: 100m: 1 Z Wei (Chi) 10.39sec; 2 W Nyambek (Malay) 10.42; 3 H Tsuchie (Japan) 10.44. **400m:** 1 S Tilakaratne (S Lan) 44.61sec; 2 M Kan (Japan) 45.64; 3 K Tabata (Japan) 45.69. **1500m:** 1 M Ahmad Sulaiman (Qatar) 3:43.70; 2 K Shibata (Japan) 3:44.30; 3 C Ong (Sin) 3:44.92. **3,000m steeplechase:** 1 S Alasmari (S Arabia) 8min 31.1sec; 2 V Uchiromi (Japan) 8:33.40; 3 H Sadjadthezaveh (Iran) 8:37.88. **10,000m:** 1 B Seung-do (S Kor) 30:12.26; 2 T Iwata (Japan) 30:12.57; 3 G Chend (India) 30:14.69. **20km walk:** 1 L Zewin (Chi) 1hr 27min 58sec; 2 Y Hang (Japan) 1:28:16; 3 V Berilkov (Kaz) 1:29:05. **Long jump:** 1 M Morinaga (Japan) 8.08m; 2 L Hongning (Chi) 7.97; 3 S Tagawa (Japan) 7.96. **Shot put:** 1 B Saad Mubarak (Qatar) 19.17m; 2 L Hao (Chi) 18.86; 3 S Singh (India) 18.40. **Women: 100m:** 1 Y Ilenkul (Chi) 11.39; 2 C Donfeng (Chi) 11.42; 3 S Kumari (Malay) 11.50. **400m:** 1 D Darsha (S Lanka) 51.23; 2 S Bodritskaya (Kaz) 52.46; 3 P T Usha (India) 52.55. **1500m:** 1 L Jing (Chi) 4:12.76; 2 W Chunmei (Chi) 4:13.45; 3 J Sikdhar (India) 4:14.32. **10km walk:** 1 L Yudin (Chi) 46min 41sec; 2 R Mitsumori (Japan) 46:52; 3 Y Mitsunori (Japan) 47:01. **High jump:** 1 M Imai (Japan) 1.94m; 2 Y Ota (Japan) 1.91; 3 J Ling (Chi) 1.88. **Javelin:** 1 L Lei (Chi) 60.12m; 2 H Yamamoto (Japan) 55.41; 3 G Kaur (India) 55.35.

BADMINTON

Asger Madsen, the England coach, has announced his resignation and is to take up a new post with the German badminton federation.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 3 Boston 1; Toronto 9 New York Yankees 3; Chicago White Sox 8 Cleveland 1; Oakland 5 Minnesota 2; Kansas City 4 Seattle 1; Baltimore 7 Anaheim 4; Texas 7 Tampa Bay 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 11 Milwaukee 6; San Diego 7 Cincinnati 6; Pittsburgh 6 Montreal 1; Philadelphia 7 New York Mets 6 (10 innings); Houston 4 San Francisco 3 (12 innings); Chicago Cubs 7 Florida 6 (12 innings); St Louis 5 Los Angeles 4; Arizona 6 Colorado 4.

BASKETBALL

Worthing Bears have signed James Doyle, the American centre, and Sammy Salter, an Englishman who plays either at point or shooting guard.

Mark Robinson, who played for Sheffield Sharks last season, is joining Birmingham Bullets.

BOWLS

WATERLOO TOURNAMENT (Blackpool) Second rounds: D Scott (Shirden) bt H Rogers (Stoke) 21-8; N Bithell (Milgate) bt D Rigley (Bolsden) 21-14; E Broome (Cadishead) bt K Thompson (Normanton) 21-20; W Holdsworth (Pudsey) bt K Lee (Warrington) 21-11; K Capps (Alderley Edge) bt R Lawrance (Leeds) 21-20; C Newton (Normanton) bt R Twinnerne (Barrow) 21-8; G Rigley (Halifax) bt D Lee (Higher Blackley) 21-11; A Buckley (Chadderton) bt E Brown (Stockport) 21-20; T Mosham (Barrow) bt G Slater (Colne) 21-14; R Moxon (Barrow) bt T Whitby (Birkenhead) 21-13; D Howells (Bury) bt M Coiner (Manchester) 21-11; C Armitage (Warrington) bt R Fitzpatrick (Birkenhead) 21-11.
GREENALLS WATERLOO (Blackpool) Second rounds: J Clarke (Telford) bt A Thompson (Ashton) 21-9; R Jones (Southport) bt R Crawshaw (Eccleston) 21-14; M Gilpin (Kendal) bt J Brown (Congleton) 21-11; A Lamb (Manchester) bt J Fullerton (Birkenhead) 21-19; A Bidwell (Manchester) bt G Bridge (Southport) 21-17; S Brimleson (Winsford) bt B Shaw (Manchester) 21-17.
SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Birkenhead International Pairs (Aberdeen) Final: H Duff (Sco) and Schuback (Aus) bt Nicol and McIntosh (Sco) 12-7.

FOOTBALL

Stockport manager Gary Megson and his assistant Mike Phelan have signed three-year contract extensions.

GOLF

LEADING WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1 T Woods 11.82pts ave; 2 D Love III 10.59; 3 E Els (SA) 9.95; 4 M O'Meara 9.51; 5 D Duval 9.42; 6 C Montgomerie (GB) 8.84; 7 G Norman (Aus) 8.56; 8 L Westwood (GB) 8.09; 9 N Price (Zim) 7.94; 10 P Mickelson 7.61.
EUROPEAN ORDER OF MERIT: 1 L Westwood (Eng) £545,350; 2 C Montgomerie (Sc) £432,288; 3 E Els (SA) £386,759; 4 T Bjorn (Den) £375,205; 5 J M Olazabal (Sp) £353,543; 6 P Stoland (Swe) £335,201; 7 D Clarke (Nirl) £294,463; 8 D Carter (Eng) £231,480; 9 A Coltart (Sc) £226,018; 10 I Woosnam (Wal) £212,651.
DEPOSIT GUARANTY CLASSIC (Madison, Mississippi) Leading final scores (US unless stated): 270 F Funk 69 64 69 68. 272 T Loustalot 69 69 68 66; F Langham 67 67 70 68; P Goydos 66 66 72 68. 273 P H Horgan III 71 66 66 65; J Maginnes 70 71 66 66. 274 K Triplett 68 72 68 66; J Kelly 70 66 70 68; C Spinks 68 68 71 69; A Doyle 67 69 69 69. 275 B Bates 69 70 70 66; J Delsing 67 73 69 66; G Waite (NZ) 68 70 67 70.
LPGA JAL BIG APPLE CLASSIC (New Rochelle, New York) Leading final scores (US unless stated): 205 A Sorenstam (Swe) 67 66 65 67. 277 L Neumann 72 68 67 66. 279 M Estill 71 68 65 71. 276 B King 72 67 70 67. 277 J Moodie (GB) 69 70 69 69; T Barnett 67 70 70 70. 278 A Acker-Macoske 71 70 70 67; M Mallon 68 66 74 70. 279 S Steinhauer 71 68 71 69; L Hackney (GB) 68 70 71 70; K Said 68 69 72 70; P Hammel 64 71 70 74. 280 J Lidback (Peru) 68 68 69 75. **Other GBI:** 288 C Hourihane 72 71 71 72. 289 S Strudwick 71 75 71 72. 290 S Lowe 71 73 75 71. 292 H Dobson 71 73 76 70; C McMillan 73 73 72 74.

ROWING

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: National Championships (Strathclyde): Men: Coxless fours: 1 Notts County RA, Johnson M, Weighell, Batt, Johnston D, cox Chung; Emin 51sec; 2 Kingston, Molesey 6:59; 3 Worcester RC 6:57. **Pairs:** 1 Upper Thames RC, Andrews, Bushnell, cox Stewart; Bennett 7:59; 2 Molsey, Queens Tower BC 8:02; 3 Cambridge 99 RC. **Coxless pairs:** 1 Leander Club, Evering, Partridge 7:25; 2 London RC 7.29; 3 Castle Semple RC 7.33. **Coxless fours:** 1 Notts County RA, Johnson M, Weighell, Batt, Johnson D 6.49; 2 Nordingham BC 6.55; 3 Worcester RC 6.56. **Eights:** 1 Molesey Composite, Hall, Craggas, Lyall-Cotzel, Reynaud, Larkman, Mavera, Serele, Gale, Simmons; cox, Stephens 6:17; 2 Nottingham RC, Sim, Ellis, Smith, Lindon BC 6:21. **Coxless pair sculls:** 1 Isle-O-Tower BR London Molesey, Gale, Lyall-Cotzel, Hall, Craggas, Serle, NTE 2 Kingston Walton Wycliffe O, Ellz, HS NTT; 3 Bewl Bridge NTT. **Double sculls:** 1 Castle Semple, Glasgow; Horne, Warnock, Dee 6.44 6-2; 2 Kingston 7:17; 3 London RC 7:26. **Single sculls:** 1 Molesey, G Serle 7:39; 2 Tideway scullers M Webb; 3 Leander, Bristo. **Lightweights: Coxless pairs:** 1 Upper Thames RC, Grey, Richardson 7:48; 2 Glasgow U, Loch Lomond 7:54.21; 3 Calas Clydesdale 7:54.66. **Coxless fours:** 1 Clyde ARC Robertson, O'Malley, Bates, Hare, 6:59; 2 Nottingham BC 7:02; 3 London RC 7:19; **Eights:** 1 Nottingham BC Batt, Campbell, Stevens, Gardom, Ash, Keene, Stevens, Mitchell, cox Moffitt; Rowed over; **Lightweight sculls:** 1 Leander Club Beddingfield, Bateman, Wakefield, Johnstone 6:44; 2 Maidenhead marlow UTRC 6:59; 3 Walton 7:06. **Double sculls:** 1 TSS Univ London Kelly, Monnickdem 7:19; 2 Leander Club 7:27; 3 Stourport 7:30. **Single sculls:** 1 Leander 7:52; 2 Stirling Mark 7:55; 3 Univ London, Monickdem 7:57.

RUGBY UNION

Worcester have signed Lee Feurer, the Swiss international, from Harrogate on a two-year contract.

TENNIS

MERCEDES CUP MEN'S TOURNAMENT (Stuttgart) Singles, first round: D Hrbaty (Slovak) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-3 6-2; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-3 6-4; J Knippschild (Ger) bt M Kohlmann (Ger) 3-6 6-3 6-3; F Vicente (Sp) bt M Meneschincheri (It) 6-7 7-5 4-0 w/o.
EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hatfield) Under-16 boys singles, first round: D Kindiman (Ger) bt B Blum (Den) 6-0 6-0; H Birkner (Ue) bt M Radic (Croa) w/o; M Kamermans (Neth) bt E Cordunieanu (Mol) 6-3 6-3; R Thys (Bel) bt S Vassire (Beta) 6-2 6-7 7-5; A Batsekas (Ukr) bt P Schaefer (Luo) 6-0 6-0; H Haremovic (Bsh) bt J Vignola (It) 6-3 6-1; R Tukans (Lat) bt O Aydin (Tur) 6-2 6-0, H Srugo (Isr) bt M Vilanova (And) 6-0 6-0; P Berger (Nor) bt R Valent (Swit) 1-6 6-2 7-5; R Karanusic (Croa) bt J Silva (Por) 6-2 6-2; D DeGroot (Neth) bt I Zelensy (Sloven) 6-2 6-1; M Gurman (Sloven) bt M Begic (Bsh) 6-0 6-2; D Pavlova (Lat) bt A Reinsprecht (Aus) 2-6 6-3 6-0; K Mitrovosil (Mol) bt S Lagerlof (Fin) 6-3 6-1; M Navratil (Cz Rep) bt T Svensa (Isr) 6-4 6-3; P Machieu (Fr) bt A Schweiger (Lie) 6-0 6-1; G Lazarakis (Gr) bt K Zablocki (Pol) 6-4 2-6 6-3. **Under-16 Girls singles, first round:** A Rozsahegyi (Lat) bt S Sedotel (Aus) 6-1 6-2; G Raba (Ger) bt R Barr (Rom) 6-0 6-4 6-2; J Lindstrom (Swe) bt C Antille (Swit) 6-0 6-0; S Kvetsein (Est) bt A Gumuscu (Tur) 6-4 6-3; I Jarkova (Lith) bt B Heilwig (Aus) 6-3 7-5; M Hoogland (Neth) bt L Dekmeijere (Lux) 6-1 6-4; N Farr (GB) bt H Myrgind (Den) 6-2 6-1; M Samolienko (Rus) bt C Maes (Bel) 7-5 1-6 6-1; G Fatzaldhetzinova (Rus) bt N Zlander (Sloven) 6-7 6-4 7-5; A Eriksson (Swe) bt C Francois (Lux) 6-4 6-1.
LTA MANCHESTER CHALLENGER (Didsbury) Finals: C Wilkinson (GB) bt S Pescosolido 6-1 6-4.
DAVIS CUP Euro/African zone group two (Rabat): Belarus 3 Morocco 2.
American zone group one playoffs (Guadalajara, Mex): Bahamas 2 Mexico 1. **Group two: (Port-au-Prince, Haiti):** Venezuela 2 Haiti 1; **(Montevideo):** Uruguay 2 Peru 0. **Group two playoff (Havana):** Cuba 3 Guatemala 0.
ATP CLASSIC (Mahwah, New Jersey) (Women's, Singles: S Graf (Ger) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-3 6-3.
ATP RANKINGS: 1 P Sampras (US) 3825pts; 2 M Rios (Chile) 3666; 3 P Korda (Cz Rep) 3195; 4 C Moya (Sp) 2970; 5 P Rafter (Aus) 2878; 6 G Ruseski (GB) 2706; 7 V Kafelnikov (Rus) 2650; 8 J Bjorkman (Swe) 2581; 9 R Krajicek (Neth) 2399; 10 A Correjta (Sp) 2302; 11 T Henman (GB) 2068.
WTA RANKINGS: 1 M Hingis (Swis) 5865 pts; 2 J Novotna (Cz Rep) 4615; 3 L Davenport (US) 4454; 4 A Sanchez (Sp) 32564; 5 M Seles (US) 2997; 6 V Williams (US) 2949; 7 C Martinez (Sp) 2802; 8 A Coetzer (SA) 2316; 9 I Spirlea (Rom) 2181; 10 N Tauziat (Fr) 2162.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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The world ranking that golfer Mark O'Meara now occupies, following his win in the Open. The new position is a rise of eight places and O'Meara's highest ever ranking.

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Golf: Sponsors fight to sign up Britain's answer to Tiger Woods after sensational showing in the Open



Justin Rose shows the swing which the Royal & Ancient hope will catapult him to role-model status in this country in the same way that Tiger Woods has managed across the Atlantic *David Ashdown*

Rose ready to collect the jackpot

BY TIM GLOVER

THE ASTONISHING performance of Justin Rose in the 127th Open Championship at Royal Birkdale has already catapulted the 17-year-old in the rarefied atmosphere of superstardom.

After finishing joint fourth, a stroke behind Tiger Woods and only two off the play-off in which Mark O'Meara beat Brian Watts, the Royal & Ancient see Rose as the natural rival to the 22-year-old American sensation Woods.

Sir Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the R & A and an outstanding golfer who resisted the temptation to turn professional endorsed Roses's decision to join the paid ranks minutes after an audacious display that would have won the Hampshire youngster £70,000 had he not been an amateur.

"*What is he going to learn by staying an amateur any longer?*" Bonallack said. "He has experienced everything he is going to experience in the amateur game so who can blame him for turning pro?

"In attempt to increase the popularity of golf, the R & A made admission free to people under 16 and, during the week, 20,000 took advantage of the offer.

"The reaction Justin got was almost one of relief that we have found a young player who hopefully can match Tiger Woods in America," Bonallack added. "The comparison is there because both were boy wonders. Justin's been known about in junior circles almost since he could walk.

"British golf has been waiting for a superstar after Jacklin and Faldo and in Justin we have someone who is very special. Lee Westwood is the heir apparent to Nick Faldo but he is made to look almost old by Justin. No one of that age has done that well in The Open since the days of Young Tom Morris. It is tremendous for junior golf because all the youngsters who saw Justin and Tiger Woods are going to be asking their parents to let them play golf this week.

"My advice to Justin is just to keep the same demeanour on the course. He has a wonderful attitude to the game. He seems to be able to switch off in between shots and switch it back on when he needs it. That will be a tremendous advantage as a professional."

Before signing a contract with the Carnegie management company Rose said that he was open to offers. Before the ink was dry, club manufacturers, shirt and cap-makers, and shoe companies were pitching for deals. And the competition was intense. He was already sporting various manufacturers products at Birkdale before turning professional.

While the number crunching begins and the deals are struck, Rose and his advisers should beware of precedence. Three years ago Gordon Sherry was fourth in the Scottish Open but after appearing in the Masters in 1996 he has twice tried and failed to get through the *European Tour qualifying school.*

In 1994 Bonallack predicted that Warren Bennett, an exciting young prospect from Middlesex, would win the Open "in the next 10 years". Like Sherry, Bennett is competing on the minor challenge tour rather than the main circuit. So is Shropshire's Michael Welch, who in 1990 was British, European and World Boy Champion.

Nevertheless, the prospects for Rose look marvellous. Like Woods, who since turning professional two years ago has amassed $100m his career has been managed and monitored at every stage by his father and Ken Rose is not only aware of the pitfalls but will continue to have a big say in his son's future.

"He may look like a gangly kid," Rose senior said, "but he is incredibly strong. Just look at his hands. They are capable of strangling a tiger."

Under normal circumstances he might have eluded to a grizzly bear but the pervasive influence of Woods is almost everywhere and none more so than on the career of Justin Rose. Whatever Woods did as a child prodigy, Rose has done it younger.

It seems that he was just a twinkle in his father's eye when he was destined to be a major force. "I don't want to get too philosophical about it, but golf seems to have a code of ethics for life itself," said the father. "I was determined that if I had a son, I would introduce him to golf at the earliest stage."

Thus, almost before the umbilical cord was cut, Justin was hitting a plastic ball with a plastic club. "He was besotted with it," Ken said. "He became so proficient he could hit the ball 30 yards. It was like a cabaret act." By the age of 11 months, Justin was using a proper club.

When the boy wonder was five, Ken and Anne Rose, whose parents came from London and Glasgow moved to England from Johannesburg "We couldn't afford a full-time coach so I taught him the fundamentals and that meant a very simple, basic swing. What I didn't know was what a dynamic package I had in terms of talent. "We don't argue. If I get up his nose, all he'll say is 'why don't you relax, dad'."

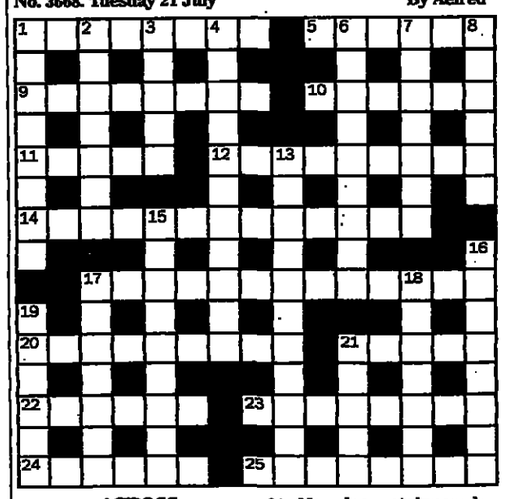
Justin, a member at North Hants, won national under-14, under-16 and under-18 championships and last year won the St Andrews Trophy.

Beginning with the Dutch Open this week, Rose has to win about £55,000 to earn his card for the European Tour. Otherwise he will have to attend the dreaded school. Meanwhile he has become a contender, with Michael Owen and Tim Henman, for Sports Personality of the Year and has been quoted at 14-1 by Ladbrokes to win the Open by 2003. During Birkdale he was 200-1 for the Open. At 17 he was too young to bet.

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9 Copies attempt to produce wall hanging (8)
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Uefa clear Arsenal to play at Wembley

FOOTBALL

BY GRAHAM SNOWDON

LAST SEASON'S Double winners, Arsenal, are likely to play their Champions' League games at Wembley next season, after exploring possibilities that would allow them to increase their crowd capacity for European games.

Uefa has given its approval to the scheme, which would enable 70,000 people – double Highbury's current capacity – to watch each game.

Frits Ahlstrom, a Uefa spokesman, said: "We feel that because of the huge amount of interest generated by these games, it is a sensible option to use a larger venue.

"We are backing the move because it means more genuine fans will be able to see Arsenal in Europe."

Ahlstrom also pointed out that the larger advertising hoardings used at European matches would take up an extra four or five rows of seats at Highbury.

The Arsenal manager, Arsène Wenger, who has said he may extend his contract at Highbury, said: "I always wanted to play at Wembley in the Champions' League games. Having extra support can give us a huge lift.

"We are waiting for the final agreement, but it looks pretty good and the move looks likely to happen," he added.

A spokesman for Wembley stadium, Martin Corrie, said: "We would be delighted for Arsenal to use the stadium. It makes financial sense.

"If Chelsea approached us to *hold a European game here* next season we would also be delighted to assist them, and the same would apply to any London club."

Newcastle United yesterday insisted that the England captain, Alan Shearer, is not for sale at any price.

Shearer has been linked with a move either to the Continent or to another Premiership side, but the Newcastle manager, Kenny Dalglish, insists Shearer will still be a Newcastle player when the new Premiership season begins on 15 August.

Shearer is still away on holiday and did not return for the first pre-season training session yesterday – all the club's players involved in the World Cup have been given an extra week.

"There is nothing to reassure our fans about – it's just garbage," Dalglish added. "There is no need for us to reassure people of anything other than the truth."

Dalglish yesterday backed his decision to spend £3.5m on the French international, Stephane Guivarc'h.

"When was the last time there was a World Cup winner and someone who has scored 60 goals in his previous two seasons at this club?" Dalglish asked.

Meanwhile, the Bayern Munich manager, Uli Hoeness, has confirmed an approach from Newcastle to buy the German international midfielder Dietmar Hamann.

The 24-year-old broke into *the German national team* before the World Cup, but his place at Bayern is set to go to their new signing, Stefan Effenberg.

Newcastle have reportedly offered him a four-year contract, but no agreement has been reached on wages.

The new Rangers manager, Dick Advocaat, is planning one final concerted effort this week to prise the Scotland captain, Colin Hendry, away from Blackburn Rovers.

The Ibrox club first made public their interest in the central defender at the start of this month, but were swiftly rebuffed.

Advocaat, however, is known to view Hendry as the ideal replacement for Richard Gough at the heart of the Rangers defence.

"We have to know about Colin Hendry this week, but as it stands Blackburn are still refusing to talk," Advocaat said yesterday.

Hendry is under contract at Blackburn for a further three years and Rovers' chief executive, John Williams, has said Blackburn are not interested in selling.

"Colin has been a rock in our defence for 10 years and after discussions with Jack Walker we have decided he is not for sale at any price," Williams stated.

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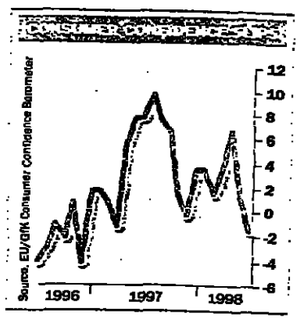
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Consumer confidence barometer takes a dive



BY JANET BUSH AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

CONSUMER confidence has plunged to its lowest level since Labour came to power, while business leaders are at their most pessimistic since December 1996, according to two gloomy surveys.

The surveys add to the picture of increasing economic uncertainty contained in yesterday's figures, which showed that house prices fell for the second month running as interest rate fears took hold.

Consumers are worried about the possibility of recession and fearful for their jobs, according to the July *Consumer Confidence Barometer* published by GfK for the European Commission. Unemployment was the main fear, with 38 per cent of respondents believing that jobless figures would rise, double the level of a year ago.

GfK's overall confidence barometer has fallen to its lowest level since last April, adding to the sharp drop in confidence in June, the month when the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee shocked the country by raising base rates. GfK said that public confidence in the economy was "dwindling rapidly".

The Institute of Management reports today that managers are feeling less secure about their jobs amid reports of a tail-off of activity in their firms over the past quarter.

The latest survey suggests that inflationary pressures may ease slightly. Of those surveyed, 20 per cent of said they intend to increase prices, but 66 per cent said prices will stay the same and 6 per cent plan to cut prices.

Mary Chapman, the Institute of Management's Director-General, said: "There are clear signs of a downturn in business activity as the measures taken to cool the economy begin to bite. Business leaders fear this cooling may be the first signal of recession."

Despite the gloom Alistair Darling, chief secretary to the Treaury, said that the extra £40 billion of cash promised for education and health can still be found even if the pessimistic conclusions of a report published over the weekend by independent economists prove to be true.

Mr Darling told the Commons Treasury Select Committee that the forecasts by Ernst and Young's Item Club of analysts were only the third most pessimistic he had seen. Even on the most pessimistic, the Government could fund its commitments without extra taxes.

☐ Thousands of managers at Ford are to lose their jobs as the company, which employs 30,000 people in the UK, looks at a 10 per cent reduction in senior managers worldwide in a drive to improve its competitiveness. There could be more than 1,000 redundancies in the United Kingdom.

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Yield	2.66%	
FTSE All shars	2885.17	(+2.44)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	9332.05	(-5.92)*
S&P Composite	1189.62	(+2.87)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	105²⁸/₃₂*	(105⅝)
Yield	5.72%*	(5.75%)

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FFr	9.8312	(9.8333)
SFr	2.4763	(2.4738)
Yen	229.10	(229.03)
£ Index	104.7	(104.6)

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London:		
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Airlines subsidy dispute reignites in Europe



Richard Budge is launching a court case against the European Commission over its approval of subsidies for RJB Mining's less efficient rivals abroad

BY CHARLES BREMNER AND CARL MORTISHED

THE European Commission is set to use a legal manoeuvre to restore the entire £2 billion of French state aid to Air France that was annulled last month by the Court of Justice in a case brought by British Airways and several other airlines.

The move was taking place as RJB Mining, the group that bought most of the privatised pits in England and Wales, launched a legal action against the Commission over subsidies to RJB's European rivals.

Neil Kinnock, the Transport Commissioner, will tomorrow seek endorsement from the full Commission for a ploy that will simply reinstate the 1994 aid package by rewriting contested paragraphs in its original approval of the subsidy.

"We have re-argued the case and made it watertight," said an official. No new approval would be needed from the court or any other authority, she added. The move could be challenged in the court by a third party, but this would take years.

Sir Leon Brittan, the senior British Commissioner, and a handful of his 19 colleagues are expected to resist the move, but they are likely to be overruled by the Commission majority which is keen to lay the politically explosive case to rest.

The decision will anger rival privately owned airlines, including British Airways, which are furious at the level of state subsidies for competing airlines. It will also reopen the argument over subsidies in a number of other industries, including coal. RJB Mining said yesterday that it was taking the Commission to court over the huge subsidies granted to the German and Spanish coal industry.

RJB, which wants to sell coal in Germany, is asking the Court of First Instance in Luxembourg to annul two decisions made in June, including retrospective approval for a DM9 billion (£3 billion) subsidy to the German coal industry. RJB claims that it can produce coal at a third the cost of Germany's mines, but the £3 billion subsidy from German taxpayers is keeping British coal out of Germany. In Spain the subsidy is even higher, with British coal a fifth of the cost of the Spanish product.

An RJB spokesman said: "We just don't think that it is sensible for the lowest cost coal production in Europe to be put out of business in favour of the highest cost coal produciton. We could give them our coal in exchange for their subsidy."

BA will be furious if the payment to Air France goes ahead, especially after its recent wrangling with competition authorities in Brussels over its alliance with American Airlines.

A BA spokesman said last night: "A £2 billion state handout to Air France grossly distorts competition. With the European Commission recently emphasising the need for fair competition, we would hope that Mr Kinnock's department consults very widely before making a firm decision." He added that BA would be surprised if the Commission came to a firm decision so soon after the Court of Justice's verdict.

Sources added that the governments that originally backed BA's objection to the Air France aid package — including those of Britain, Norway, Sweden and Denmark — could put political pressure on the Commission if it decides tomorrow to let the payment go ahead.

On June 25 the judges cancelled the subsidy on the grounds that the Commission had failed to justify two aspects. These were the approval of the £1.1 billion purchase of new aircraft and the application of aid to Air France's routes outside the EU.

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Stock Exchange to look at 7.30 start

BY RICHARD MILES

THE London Stock Exchange said yesterday it would eventually have to consider opening the market at 7.30am in the light of its landmark alliance with Deutsche Börse, its former rival in Frankfurt.

Its comments came as the start of London trading was pushed back by 30 minutes to 9am in an attempt to put an end to the "rogue share prices" which have surfaced as a result of the introduction of an order-driven trading system last autumn.

Private client brokers lobbied for a later market opening after some of their customers complained of losses due to abnormal spreads on stocks when they dealt through SETS, the order-driven system, during the first half hour. However, an LSE spokesman said officials would have to look at a 7.30am opening time as this is when trading begins on Deutsche Börse.

"But it is not relevant at the moment and probably won't be for some years until the creation of a common trading platform," he added.

Amid thin trading on the London market, brokers said it was difficult to judge whether the LSE's reform had worked.

Some complained that spreads remained unnaturally wide on stocks during the early part of the day and at the closing stages.

Pepsico pays £2bn cash for Tropicana

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

TROPICANA, the world's biggest fruit juice company, was bought yesterday for $3.3 billion (£2 billion) by Pepsico as the soft drink giant opened a new front in its battle with Coca Cola.

Tropicana, which dominates the British fruit juice market through its Copella Fruit Juices subsidiary, was bought from Seagram for cash, which will help fund Seagram's $10.4 billion purchase of the Polygram record label from Philips.

The sale of Tropicana, for which Seagram paid $1.2 billion in 1988, means Seagram's major income will now come from its entertainment division. Edgar Bronfman, chief executive of Seagram, said: "This disposition allows us to further our focus on our entertainment and spirits and wine businesses and the growth potential they hold for Seagram's future."

For Pepsi, the deal boosts it to the top of the growing fruit juice market after it spent several years trying to develop its own juice businesses. Arch-rival Coca Cola owns Minute Maid, America's second-ranked juice company.

Roger Enrico, Pepsi's chairman and chief executive, said: "Tropicana is an absolutely terrific company, the best in the business." He said it will be a "great fit" with Pepsi's other drink businesses.

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MMC to stay out of milk dispute

BY CARL MORTISHED

MILK MARQUE'S attempt to rescue its July selling round was thrown into further confusion yesterday when the Monopolies and Mergers Commission said there was no question of it intervening.

Milk Marque said on Friday that it would seek MMC advice following its abortive attempt to find buyers for some 13 million litres of milk. The leading dairy products buyers boycotted last week's auction, saying the price was too high and that Milk Marque had abused its monopoly by changing its auction rules.

Milk Marque, which represents dairy farmers, said it would discuss a solution to the impasse at a meeting with the MMC on Wednesday.

However, Denise Kingsmill, chairman of the MMC, said that the MMC's job was to investigate monopolies. She said: "It is no part of the MMC's role to offer views or give advice to parties as to how they should run their businesses."

The Dairy Industry Federation, which represents the milk processors, yesterday denied that it had walked out of an agreement on the July selling round. Gordon Summerfield, president of the DIF, said the only agreement was that discussions would continue.

Milk Marque also revealed its pre-tax profit fell in the year to March from £14.2 million to £13.6 million. Its chairman Poul Christensen urged farmers to stand together.

Bid target speculation lifts Selfridges

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SELFRIDGES, the department store company that was yesterday spun off from the struggling Sears group, began its independent life with a stock market value of just over £360 million.

Its shares opened at 229p and ended the day at 236½p, buoyed by speculation that Selfridges could become a bid target.

The shares were also supported by a buoyant trading statement from its rival Debenhams, the department store business that was demerged from the old Burton Group at the beginning of this year. Debenhams lifted some of the gloom that has enveloped the retail sector in recent weeks by reporting that like-for-like sales were 4.5 per cent ahead in the first 19 weeks of the year. The figure was adjusted to take into account the July sale starting a week later than last year.

Matthew Roberts, finance director, said that June had been a difficult month because of the weather, but this was offset by good trading in May and at the start of the July sales. Debenhams shares rose sharply in early trade but then fell back to close unchanged at 334½p.

Following the Selfridges demerger, Sears, which now contains the Warehouse and Wallis women's wear chains, the Adams children's wear chain and the Freemans mail order business — which is also due to demerge — fared less well.

After a ten-for-one consolidation that accompanied the demerger, Sears shares closed at a lower than expected 297½p.

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Shire tightens grip thanks to progress of Alzheimer's drug

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHIRE Pharmaceuticals consolidated its position as Britain's largest emerging drug company yesterday, when its shares rose a further 11 per cent because of the promise of its treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

Shire's shares rose 53p to 540½p, giving the company a market value of more than £750 million. This is substantially more than the longer-established Medeva and more than twice as big as Celltech and Chiroscience, the biggest of the biotechnology companies. Shire is also bigger than Northern Ireland's Galen Holdings, although Galen's shares are suspended while it concludes a £1.5 billion merger with Ferring Pharmaceuticals, the European company.

Investors and analysts were excited by encouraging news from phase III trials of galantamine, the Alzheimer's disease drug, that were released at an Amsterdam conference at the weekend.

Results suggest that the drug, which Shire is developing with the Janssen Research arm of Johnson & Johnson, can significantly improve the memory and learning ability of Alzheimer's sufferers.

Moreover, the data suggests that galantamine may be better than existing treatments because, in addition to inhibiting the enzyme believed to be responsible for Alzheimer's, it also stimulates the production of an important chemical messenger. This effect on the brain's nicotinic receptors may be why smokers seem to be less prone to Alzheimer's. Janssen is continuing investigations into these "intriguing" observations.

Janssen is expected to launch galantamine under the name Reminyl in 2000. Robin Gilbert, analyst at Panmure Gordon, said that the effect on the nicotinic receptors may give the drug an advantage over rivals. Shire will market Reminyl in the UK and Ireland.

Supportive findings of galantamine trials in Canada, France, Germany, Finland, Norway, The Netherlands, Sweden and the UK will be presented at the conference on Thursday.

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Deutsche confirms latest departure

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

DEUTSCHE BANK yesterday confirmed the resignation of Rory MacNamara after 17 years with the investment banking division in London.

The departure of Mr MacNamara, described as the only remaining big hitter in the corporate finance division, is the latest in a string of high-profile defections from Deutsche. This month it lost its 70-strong technology team, based in California, to Credit Suisse First Boston which is believed to have offered $1 billion in three-year guaranteed pay packages.

Dietrich Becker, head of the industrial team, went to Morgan Stanley, and Maurice Thompson and Carter McClelland, joint investment-banking heads, reportedly quit because of rows with Frankfurt.

The departures have been blamed on a reorganisation to broaden the role of investment bankers from advising clients to selling products. Comment, page 25



Karl Chapman of Spring, which has bought the Elizabeth Hunt agency for £14 million

Spring's sixth buy this year

BY RACHEL BRIDGE

SPRING GROUP, the career and workforce management company, chalked up its sixth acquisition of the year yesterday with the purchase of Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants for £14.1 million.

The deal makes Spring one of the UK's biggest providers of temporary teachers.

Karl Chapman, chief executive of Spring, which recently changed its name from CRT Group, said: "There is a current shortage of teachers in the UK which is likely to get worse rather than better and we believe the market will grow. Over the next ten years we will have the same number of pupils in schools, and sadly there are more teachers leaving the profession than are joining at the front end."

Elizabeth Hunt operates from three locations in London, one in Birmingham and one in Australia. It employs about 75 people. In the year to March it made pre-tax profits of £1.3 million on sales of £15.1 million.

As a result of the acquisition exceptional costs of about £450,000 will be charged against Spring's profits in the current year. Its shares were unchanged at 404½p.



BA £100m computer deal won by EDS

EDS, the Texas-based computer consultancy, has won a ten-year, £100 million deal to run the information technology systems of British Airways' engineering operation (Jason Nissé writes).

The deal means EDS will initially take control of BA's Year 2000 compliance and then develop new, enhanced IT systems.

The move is the latest of a series of contracts won by EDS, which has taken advantage of the trend towards outsourcing to grow its business in the UK, particularly in the public sector.

EDS now claims around £1 billion a year of sales, half of which is to government organisations.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
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Denmark Kr	11.76	10.87
Egypt Pound	5.85	5.24
Finland Mkk	9.46	8.71
France Fr	10.29	9.51
Germany Dm	3.09	2.85
Greece Dr	512	473
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.40
Iceland	129	109
Ireland Pt	1.22	1.13
Israel Shk	6.39	5.73
Italy Lira	3067	2830
Japan Yen	243.45	225.92
Malta	0.877	0.618
Netherlds Gld	3.466	3.201
New Zealand $	3.26	3.02
Norway Kr	12.96	12.04
Portugal Esc	312.47	290.44
S Africa Rd	11.01	10.05
Spain Pta	263.20	241.51
Sweden Kr	13.80	12.70
Switzerland Fr	2.63	2.41
Turkey Lira	456739	426861
USA $	1.755	1.612

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

AngloGold benefits from drop in rand

PROFITS at AngloGold surged 42 per cent to rand 621.5 million (£59 million) for the half-year to June 30. The South African mining group, which was recently formed out of the gold assets of Anglo American Corporation, is benefiting from lower costs due to the collapse of the South African rand.

Bobby Godsell, AngloGold's chairman, said that gold prices in rand terms are likely to be higher. "AngloGold will benefit from the gearing effect of rand-denominated costs and dollar-denominated revenues." The rand has fallen by a third against the dollar this year. AngloGold's cash costs fell 15 per cent over the period to $247 per ounce of gold produced while gold revenue increased 3 per cent to $359 per ounce. The company said it would continue to sharpen its mining focus with programmes aimed at mining safely and profitably at depths of 4,000 metres. The company said it continued to look for acquisitions and partnerships worldwide.

Innovative in Boots deal

SHARES in Innovative Technologies, which peaked at 361½p last year, recovered 20p to 119½p yesterday when the woundcare company announced a distribution deal with Boots. Innovative, which had a public row with its founder earlier this year, will supply Boots with a range of four woundcare products, intended to deal with a variety of cuts and grazes. They will be branded "Advanced Healing". The company's films and dressings allow wounds to heal in a moist environment and reduce the risk of scarring.

McDonald's advances

McDONALD'S, the fast food company, reported an increase in operating profits in the second quarter despite weak economies in some international markets and intense competition in the US. But the company said it did not expect to sustain its current level of profitability. McDonald's said second-quarter profits rose to $468.8 million (£284 million) from $438.2 million on revenues that rose to $3.18 billion from $2.83 billion. Profits were struck before an exceptional charge of $350 million against productivity initiatives.

Payoffs at Marston's

MARSTON'S, the Midlands brewer and pub operator, paid £538,000 in compensation to three former directors as a result of a boardroom shake-up aimed at reviving its flagging fortunes. According to its latest annual report, David Gordon, who resigned as managing director in February, was a given a £184,000 payoff. Tony Marten, who resigned as head of John Marston's Taverners, received £171,000, and Ian Brown, former finance director, received a package worth £183,000, including a contribution to his pension fund.

Gowrings expands

GOWRINGS, the Burger King franchisor and motor dealer, has bought seven more of the restaurants for £2.6 million and signed up for a further 21. Apart from the seven new Midlands sites, the company has also agreed a four-year business lease on a restaurant in West Bromwich. It now owns or manages 31 Burger Kings in the South, South West and Midlands. In March it reported pre-tax profits of £1.4 million, almost double the previous year's £718,000. The shares yesterday closed up 1p at 120½p.

Beales agrees £11m bid

BEALES HUNTER, the refrigeration equipment company, looks set to fall to a takeover after its directors yesterday recommended the £11.3 million bid made by Stadium, the plastics group. Beales said that in the absence of any higher offer, shareholders should accept the Stadium bid, which was made earlier this month. Beales said it could have a satisfactory future as an independent company, but shareholders with more than 53 per cent of the company's equity had voted in favour of the takeover.

Passengers up at BRAL

BRITISH REGIONAL AIR LINES, the recently floated airline, enjoyed an 11.7 per cent rise in passenger numbers in the six months to June 30 but suffered a fall in the average occupancy of its flights from 62.8 per cent to 61.3 per cent. BRAL said: "These figures show a continuing steady growth in passenger numbers, largely as a result of new routes." The group said it is ahead of budget for the five months to May 31, but because its performance is biased to the second half, directors reiterated their prospectus warning that they expect a first-half loss.

Ocean to reorganise

OCEAN, the transport group that reports results next week, said yesterday it is to centralise its logistics business under the name MSAS Global Logistics. John Allan, the chief executive, said: "Multinational customers increasingly wish to deal with a single, seamless organisation offering a broad range of services covering their entire supply chain." Ocean's marine and environmental businesses are not affected by the organisational changes. The shares remained unchanged at 747½p yesterday.

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Subsidising Mad Hatter's tea party

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Question: when is an illegal subsidy not an illegal subsidy? Answer: when the European Commission chooses to call it something else, of course.

Alice took lessons in such logic when she ventured through the Looking Glass, but similar courses are available to ordinary folk who care to visit Brussels. If the advance intelligence is to be believed, the European Commission is about to produce a textbook case of how black is only black if it so labelled by the appropriate bureaucrat.

In June the European Court of Justice very reasonably concluded that a £2 billion government subsidy for Air France was in breach of the rules outlawing the unfair distortion of competition within the single market. It took the legal wheels four years to turn out that particular welcome conclusion, but that is a different aspect of Europe which, no doubt, the Red Queen could explain as a special kind of justice.

But the decision which took so long to be arrived at is now destined to be rendered irrelevant. It seems that the Commission is simply going to agree to rewrite the terms of the original approval that it gave to the deal. With one wave of his magic wand, Neil Kinnock, the Transport Commissioner, will turn an illegal subsidy into a legal one. Just think what might have happened to his political career had he been able to wield such power.

In truth, even the most optimistic advocates of real competition in what was supposed to be a common market did not expect Air France to have to conjure up the cash that it had used to shore up its operations. The impracticality of such a demand should not, however, be allowed to justify the rewriting of history, nor the official condoning of something which was clearly anti-competitive.

For Bob Ayling and his team at British Airways, who had stuck with the gruelling legal challenge to the subsidy, the latest twist piles insult upon the agony that has been occasioned by the Commission's long, drawn out deliberations over BA's planned link with American Airlines.

Whatever the Brussels rhetoric, Britain has espoused the idea of fair competition more wholeheartedly than many of our fellow European states. Just as BA was set free to fly in the private sector, so our coal industry has had to cope with diminishing public support. Richard Budge, like Bob Ayling, is heading for the European Court more to make his protest on a matter of principle than in the belief that he can achieve fair play and ensure that European competitors are not being handed unfair advantage by their government's old-fashioned ways.

But this is not a battle that should be left to individual companies to fight. The Government needs to get nasty about the schizophrenic tendencies which allow Brussels to demand competitiveness from commerce while simultaneously condoning state aid on a huge scale.

Great escape from Deutsche Bank

Much of the musing about the comings and goings at Deutsche Bank's investment banking division has focused on the clear desire of Frankfurt to assume control over London. True, the day-to-day running of the business now rests in the hands of a member of the bank's all-powerful Vorstad. But to put much emphasis on this is to misunderstand the true nature of change under way at what was once one of the City's most prestigious houses.

Deutsche is seeking to do more than assert its authority over its acquisition: it is aiming to transform the business from one built around long-term relationships with clients — the heart and soul of the former Morgan Grenfell — to an enterprise which exploits its parent's colossal balance sheet of $582 billion. In short, Germany's biggest bank is looking to turn an old-fashioned corporate finance house into a bulge-bracket investment bank.

Many top executives saw the writing on the wall long before the official restructuring was announced in April. Some of the wiser financiers quit to join banks which continue to concentrate on relationship banking, an approach which has paid dividends for the likes of Lazards and Schroders. Others have waited as the situation has become increasingly intolerable and their positions effectively nullified. So it was with Rory MacNamara, a man of undisputed talents but not the right ones for the new bank that is under construction. Hence his departure, formally confirmed yesterday.

Deutsche is not the only European bank striving to achieve this transformation. Both ING Barings and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson are attempting to pull off the same trick, and with the same result: their finest corporate financiers leave in droves, creating rich pickings for the established American bulge-bracket players. These are tough competitors to take on and the success of the new combatants is far from guaranteed.

Somewhat belatedly, Deutsche has woken up to the fact that its strategy can only be achieved by building a considerable presence in the US — the very realisation that led Barclays chief executive Martin Taylor to dispose of BZW and his global investment bank ambitions. So far, only SBC Warburg has managed to gain a sizeable foothold on the other side of the Atlantic through the acquisition of Dillon Read. Good Europeans should wish Deutsche every success, but don't expect the City to get too excited.

Strong competition in soft drinks

It may not be the real thing but the fizziest flavour in the soft drinks market comes without the benefit of carbonates. It is what used to be known as orange juice. Tropicana is pasteurised orange juice, packaged so cleverly that teenagers who would not normally be seen sipping a fruit juice ask for Tropicana by name and part with a premium price for the product. The actual brand was valued at $3.3 billion (£1.98 billion) when Pepsico bought it from Seagram yesterday.

The deal surprised the market, which thought Seagram was going to float Tropicana to help it to pay for Polygram. But Pepsico is buying into a trend which is revolutionising the soft drinks industry. Just as Perrier led many people to switch from cola to mineral water in the 1980s, Tropicana has repositioned orange juice as a "healthy" alternative to Coca-Cola or Tango.

This year's most successful UK supermarket launch has been Sunny Delight, a sugared fruit drink made by Procter & Gamble, which looks just like orange juice and is packaged accordingly. Some marketeers predict that it could soon achieve annual sales of £400 million — more than even Coca-Cola.

The soft drinks market is fragmenting. The success of isotonic drinks has already put some pressure on colas; the orange juice revolution could bring even more problems. While Coke and Pepsi may suffer, the ones who really should worry are the weaker cola brands, such as Virgin.

Urge to splurge

OLD-STYLE venture capitalists learned the art of restraint. New-style private equity funds look more impatient to part with their cash. Doughty Hanson had no difficulty raising $2.5 billion (£1.5 billion) but is in danger of appearing desperate to find a home for it. Having failed in recent efforts to buy Rolls-Royce cars, it is now negotiating to spend £500 million on the aerospace interests of BTR. The urge to splurge can be expensive.

SunTrust-Crestar become tenth largest US bank

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

MERGER fever in America's financial sector continued yesterday with the formation of the nation's tenth biggest bank when SunTrust Banks bought Crestar Financial Corporation for $9.5 billion (£5.75 billion).

The combined banks will boast 1,093 branches along the US east coast and assets exceeding $88 billion when the deal is completed next month.

Atlanta-based SunTrust, presently the 18th biggest bank in the US, paid a 31 per cent premium to last Friday's market price for Crestar shares. SunTrust will pay the equivalent of $83.94 in its own shares for every Crestar share.

Crestar is one of the leading banks in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC, an area with the fourth largest population in the country. SunTrust is strong in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

The deal sent Crestar shares soaring 14 per cent, but knocked SunTrust's value down almost 10 per cent, despite many analysts praising the purchase. Harold Schroeder, a banking analyst with Keefe, Bryette and Woods, the broker, said: "SunTrust had to have a presence in the region where Crestar operated if it was going to be a serious competitor on the US east coast."

However Nancy Bush, of Ryan, Beck and Co, said SunTrust still had a major hole in the east coast because it was absent from North and South Carolina. Two of America's biggest banks, First Union and NationsBank, dominate in the Carolinas.

Both groups have made multi-billion dollar purchases in south-eastern America in the past year. Regional banks across the US have been buying competitors or neighbouring banks to cut costs and expand into new areas. SunTrust and Crestar have no overlap in their branch network, so the deal should mean few job losses and closures.

Phillip Humann, chairman of SunTrust, said the merger would slice $250 million off earnings this year, but would save $130 million a year from 2000. He said 1999 profits would rise 3.6 per cent because of the deal.

The SunTrust purchase of Crestar will complete a shakeout of Virginia's three major banks in the past year. Signet Banking Corporation was bought by First Union and Central Fidelity Banks was snared by Wachovia Corporation. Massive financial mergers have occurred almost weekly in the US recently, climaxing in April with the $75 billion merger of Travelers Group and Citicorp.



Wessex Water's Nicholas Hood, chairman, left, and Colin Skellet, chief executive, saw the shares rise on yesterday's news

UK Waste option boosts Wessex Water

BY TIMON DAY

SHARES in Wessex Water rose 12½p to 498½p after the water company issued a default notice yesterday entitling it to proceed with the purchase of the 50 per cent of UK Waste, the leading waste and recycling company, it does not already own at a "fair value".

The default notice was triggered by the change of ownership of Waste Management Inc, the original American partner which merged with US Waste Services Inc last week.

A Wessex spokesman said: "This a change of control clause allowing us to take control of UK Waste if we want to. But we will sit down with US Waste Services in the next few months to see if we can reach agreement on the running of the company. If we cannot then we will buy up the remaining shares."

Analysts reckon Wessex would have to pay between £150 million and £220 million for the other half of UK Waste. The price would be decided by merchant bankers employed by each party, and if they could not agree by an independent banker.

UK Waste's profits fell 10 per cent last year because of a sharp fall in waste paper prices and a management vacuum reflecting problems at Waste Management Inc.

Wessex has made no secret of its desire to take control of UK Waste, which was formed in February 1991. The company feels it now understands how to manage this operation, although it would have to hire several top executives to restart the acquisition programme.

Waste Management looked set to take control of UK Waste and possibly Wessex at one stage. It lifted its stake in Wessex from 14.9 per cent to 20 per cent through a rights issue in early 1993, but it sold its shares back to Wessex in the buyback of February 1997.

The company also announced that Ofwat, the industry regulator, would provide appropriate incentives for companies to improve efficiency and service to customers. This means that companies that are more efficient and have higher standards would not suffer as tight a set of price controls in the forthcoming review compared with less efficient companies.

Card Clear buys forex companies

BY RICHARD MILES

CARD CLEAR, the AIM-listed company which provides fraud prevention and card payment services, has taken majority stakes in two foreign exchange businesses. It has acquired 85 per cent of Master Change and 100 per cent of Retail Markets.

It has acquired the stakes by converting £1.05 million in loans and bank guarantees granted when the companies were founded in 1996. The remaining 15 per cent in Master Change is owned by its management, but Card Clear has the option of buying them out. Both deals are expected to be completed on August 3.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of Card Clear, said: "The additions fit extremely well with Card Clear's strategy of developing an expanding international and financial services group."

Scottish Media likely to sell 20% stake in GMTV

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

SCOTTISH MEDIA GROUP is likely to sell its 20 per cent stake in GMTV, the loss-making breakfast TV station, later this year to help fund new acquisitions in England.

Scottish will take its decision after the Independent Television Commission decides the terms on which GMTV will be allowed to renew its licence. The station is paying about £50 million a year in special taxes and is expected to have pre-tax losses of around £12 million on a turnover of about £80 million.

GMTV has said it hopes the ITC, which it expected to make its position clear in September, will reduce its special taxes to "single figures". A considerable reduction is certainly likely.

Scottish has little interest in holding on to a 20 per cent stake which has done nothing since the company was founded in 1990. It wants to make wholly-owned investments. Carlton and Granada also have 20 per cent stakes in GMTV, Disney has 25 per cent and the Guardian Media Group 15 per cent.

Scottish Media Group, based in Glasgow, owns Scottish Television, Grampian and *The Herald* newspaper, and is pursuing expansion south of the border because it is unlikely to be allowed to expand much further in the Scottish media. An attempt to acquire Ulster Television was blocked by shareholders and CanWest, the Canadian-based international broadcaster.

Executives, led by Gus McDonald, the chairman, are starting to look at everything from commercial radio and magazines to newspapers and intellectual property rights. The company has no debt and could easily raise £250 million to £300 million for the right opportunity at the right price.



Gus McDonald: pursuing diversification in England

PIC plans California relocation

BY CARL MORTISHED

PIC INTERNATIONAL, the pig breeding company that has emerged as the successor of the slimmed-down Dalgety, is to move its head office to California, cutting up to 40 jobs in the UK.

Sir Denys Henderson and Ken Hanna, chairman and chief executive respectively, are stepping down. The chairman's slot will be filled by Brian Baldock, a non-executive director, while Phil David, currently chief executive of PIC, will step into Mr Hanna's shoes.

PIC said it would retain a skeleton staff in Britain but explained that California was the ideal location to attract high-quality scientists for its headquarters and research centre. PIC said it would seek a US listing alongside the UK quote.

Dalgety has repaid some £675 million to shareholders after the break-up of the company and disposal of its component parts.

Booker overseas food interests sold for £72.5m

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

SHARES in Booker rose 4 per cent yesterday after the troubled food production and distribution group announced the sale of its Portuguese and Polish food interests for £72.5 million.

The sale comes a month after Jonathan Taylor, chief executive, said the group had decided on a complete break-up to revive the shares.

The group has sold its 40 per cent interest in Recheio Distribuicao and its direct 16.7 per cent stake in Eurocash Holdings to Lisbon-listed Jeronimo Martins, which already has management control of the joint venture. Booker said it will use the proceeds to reduce year-end debts of £300 million.

Last month shares in the company dropped 15 per cent after the company issued its third profits warning since January and placed three of its five divisions on the block.

Booker is also in talks to sell its 64 per cent stake in the copyright to Agatha Christie's works, although it insists it will continue to sponsor the Booker Prize. Analysts had speculated that a break-up would precipitate a bid for the entire group, but so far this has not materialised.

Mr Taylor said his intention is to concentrate Booker on its cash-and-carry business. Two years ago the company paid £267 million for Nurdin & Peacock, its main rival, but there have been big problems integrating the two businesses, hitting cash flow and profits hard.

Full-profit forecasts have been cut to between £80 million and £85 million from above £100 million before Booker announced an 18 per cent fall in pre-tax profits in March and a strategic review. Shares in Booker yesterday closed up 9p at 230 1/2p.

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Shares need Enterprise to brighten dull session

ENTERPRISE OIL topped the list of best performers among the top 100 companies and brought relief to hard-pressed brokers looking for something to drum up investor interest.

The price ended the day 26½p, or 5 per cent, better at 549½p as 405,000 shares changed hands.

The rise followed optimistic comments about both the integrated and exploration and production oil sectors from BT Alex Brown, the broker, which has put Enterprise on its "buy" list. It is also positive about **BP**, down 1½p at 860½p, **Shell**, 3¾p better at 423½p, **Lasmo**, steady at 239½p, **Hardy Oil & Gas**, unchanged at 222½p, and **Monument Oil & Gas**, 2p stronger at 57¾p.

As BT Alex Brown points out, oil stocks have underperformed the market by 30 per cent this year on concerns about oil prices and the British oil tax regime.

Reports of a big find in Bangladesh put some pep into **Cairn Energy**, 10½p better at 269½p. AIM-listed **Desire Petroleum**, which is exploring off the Falkland Islands, also advanced 35½p to 189p on whispers the group may be about to publish a bullish drilling report.

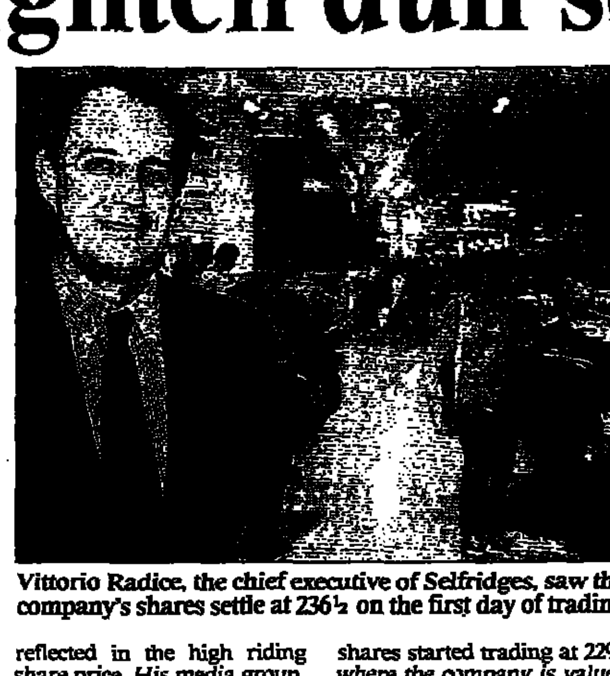
Share prices reached a new intra-day high of 6,183.7 in early trading. But with investors enjoying a lie-in after the decision to delay the start of trading by half an hour, business never looked like building up a full head of steam. The move was designed to increase volume levels on SETS, the computerised trading system.

After fluctuating in narrow limits for much of the session, the FTSE 100 index eventually closed 5.0 up at 6,179.0. Total turnover was a meagre 581 million shares.

Brokers are eagerly awaiting developments at **British Energy**, up 16½p at 596½p. Last week the group announced it was on the verge of concluding its first deal in the US, the acquisition of part of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant. Panmure Gordon, the broker, says such a move is likely to be good news and rates the shares a "buy".

Williams stood out with a rise of 15p to 400p with the help of a "buy" recommendation from Credit Suisse First Boston, the broker.

Martin Sorrell can do no wrong these days which been



Vittorio Radice, the chief executive of Selfridges, saw the company's shares settle at 236½ on the first day of trading

reflected in the high riding share price. His media group, **WPP**, has just completed its $300 million bond offering having been forced to increase the size to meet investor demand. The shares responded with a rise of 7½p to 450½p.

It was the first day of dealings in **Selfridges**, the department stores group, after its demerger from Sears. The shares started trading at 229p where the company is valued at £363 million. That compared with the price range forecast by brokers of between 200p and 270p. The shares touched a peak of 242p before settling at 236½p as almost 1 million shares changed hands. **Sears** fell 10p to 297½p.

Debenhams touched 353p before retreating to close all square at 334½p after issuing a trading update showing a 4.5 per cent increase in like-for-like sales. Other brokers had feared a decline in sales after dull trading statements from rivals **Marks & Spencer**, 6½p off at 535½p, and **WH Smith**, 1p off at 546p. Smith has bought back 250,000 of its own shares.

Positive feedback from clinical phase 3 studies of its galantamine Alzheimer's treatment lifted **Shire Pharmaceutical** 53p to 540½p.

The boardroom bust-up at **Cortecs International** left the shares nursing a loss of 7½p at 80p. Since Glen Travers stepped down at chief executive in June, shareholders have witnessed a row over his proposed £1.5 million payoff.

Fresh institutional buying lifted **Wessex Water** 12½p to 498½p. Panmure Gordon, the broker, has reiterated its bullish stance on the shares and set a target price of 580p.

Coutts Consulting rose 4p to 34p after signing a major five-year contract with the Ministry of Defence to help military personnel to find jobs in civvy street.

Syndicate Capital returned from suspension 26p dearer at 186p after shareholders approved the proposed merger with SVB Associates, the rival Lloyd's underwriting syndicate. There was heavy turnover in the shares with much of it conducted by Raphael Zorn Hemsley, the broker.

Booker rose 8p to 229½p in response to news of the sales of a 40 per cent stake in Recheio foer £72.5 million.

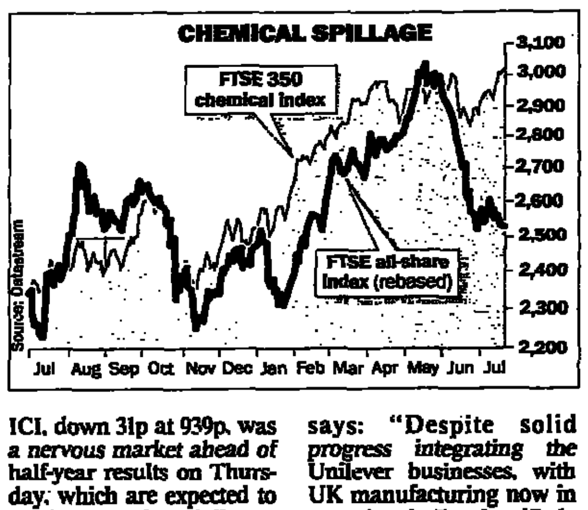
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Bond prices were undermined by yesterday's report in *The Times* from the Ernst & Young ITEM club urging the Monetary Policy Committee to raise rates to 8¾ per cent in order to fend off recession.

Prices drifted throughout the session in thin trading.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt retreated £0.17 to £108.45 on turnover of 28,000 contracts. The short-dated future was £0.13 down at £103.04.

Among the conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 dropped £⅜ to £129⁵⁄₁₆, while at the shorter end, Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was £⅛ lower at £101⅞.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street was mixed in subdued trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.92 points at 9,337.05.



ICI, down 31p at 939p, was a nervous market ahead of half-year results on Thursday, which are expected to produce another dull performance from the chemicals group.

After heavy restructuring, the group is likely to turn in pre-tax profits of about £200 million, compared with a depressed £160 million for the corresponding period.

The results will serve to highlight a general slowdown in the chemical industry worldwide.

Martin Evans, at Sutherlands, the broker, says: "Despite solid progress integrating the Unilever businesses, with UK manufacturing now in recession, bulk prices likely to follow a downward trend in the second half. Asia creating distruption and major disposals still to be finalised, profits growth this year will be held back".

Companies such as Ellis & Everard, down 5p at 260½p, have also been affected. Its shares have fallen from a peak of 311p year.

Despite this, Sutherlands says the shares have been oversold and rates them as a "buy".

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	9332.05 (-5.92)
S&P Composite	1189.62 (+2.87)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	Closed
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8493.25 (-135.68)
Amsterdam:	
AEX Index	1315.63 (+17.63)
Sydney:	
AO	2787.9 (-26.8)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	6171.43 (+23.56)
Singapore:	
Straits	1102.32 (+7.22)
Brussels:	
General	22348.33 (+218.56)
Paris:	
CAC-40	4368.91 (+19.57)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1738.40 (+9.80)
London:	
FT 30	3984.0 (+1.8)
FTSE 100	6179.0 (+5.0)
FTSE 250	5709.2 (+5.5)
FTSE 350	2967.6 (+2.5)
FTSE Eurotop 100	3066.91 (+12.97)
FTSE All-Share	2885.17 (+2.44)
FTSE Non Financials	2932.39 (+7.00)
FTSE Fixed Interest	142.83 (-0.46)
FTSE Govt Secs	104.55 (-0.15)
Bargains	59402
SEAQ Volume	580.4m
US$	1.6489 (+0.0085)
German Mark	2.9326 (+0.0001)
Exchange Index	104.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4872
£:SDR	1.2307
RPI	163.4 Jun (3.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	161.1 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AdVal Group	63½	...
Anglo Siberian Oil	107½	...
Baldwin Inds Svs	135½	+ 5
Biocraptis Wts	15	...
British Regnl Air	159	...
CCM Distribution	11	...
City Gourmets	55	...
Coca-Cola Bevrges	191	+ 7½
ECsoft	2425	...
Game	188½	+ 2½
HW	124½	...
Interior Services	135	...
London Town Wts	50	...
Murray Financial	11¼	...
Policy Master Grp	207½	...
Quantica	138½	...
Selfridges (233)	236½	...
Sodra Petroleum	64½	...
Sports & Outdr Media	99½	...
Syn Cp Wts 98/02	32½	...
Touchstone Grp	139	...
Tricorder Techn	94½	...
Utd Biscuits Red B	27	...
Williams Non Cum	34	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cox Insrnce n/p (400)	82½	- 3½
First Choice n/p (130)	25½	- ½
LEPCO n/p (40)	1½	...
Martin Intl n/p (36)	1	...
Oliver Group n/p (25)	¼	...
Omnimedia n/p (60)	19½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Shire Pharms	540½p (+53p)
Dorling Kind	239p (+18p)
JJB Sports	452½p (+31p)
DCS Gp	563½p (+37p)
Hozelock	240p (+14p)
DFS Furniture	216p (+11p)
Allied Domecq	585p (+23p)
Williams	400p (+15p)
Orange	719p (+32p)

FALLS:

Hutch Whamp	306p (-12½p)
Bank Scotland	713p (-28½p)
Norwich Union	468p (-13p)
Airtours	443p (-10½p)
ICI	949p (-21p)

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TEMPUS

Pigs are flying

THE stock market has been getting very excited about pig breeding, or to be precise, about PIC International, the hybrid pig breeder that has emerged from the dismemberment of Dalgety. Once an obscure division of the food and agribusiness conglomerate, PIC has become the core (and sole) business. Shorn of pet food and Dalgety's other numerous troubles, the pigs have started to fly.

Over the past nine months, shares in the renamed PIC International Group has doubled in value. At 203p, down from the recent peak of 225p, the market is valuing the company at £600 million. The company continued to distance itself from its past yesterday as Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, and Ken Hanna, chief executive, said they will be step down later this year. PIC is the biggest breeder in the business but that is no big deal.

For most pig farmers breeding is about saving the fattest sow from the butcher's knife and PIC has to convince them that fancy genetics will improve their stock.

But the market needs no convincing — one of PIC's rivals is part of DeKalb Genetics, the seed company sold to Monsanto for $2 billion. PIC wants to map the pig genome, identifying traits that make better pigs and selecting animals that contain the traits for breeding purposes. Pigs could have other uses — developing transgenic organs for transplant into humans, for example.

Such research costs money and PIC plans to spend a bundle over the next few years and the company is already valued at 31 times earnings. But unlike a biotech company, it does make profits — some £30 million a year. No wonder the market likes PIC.

Shire Pharma

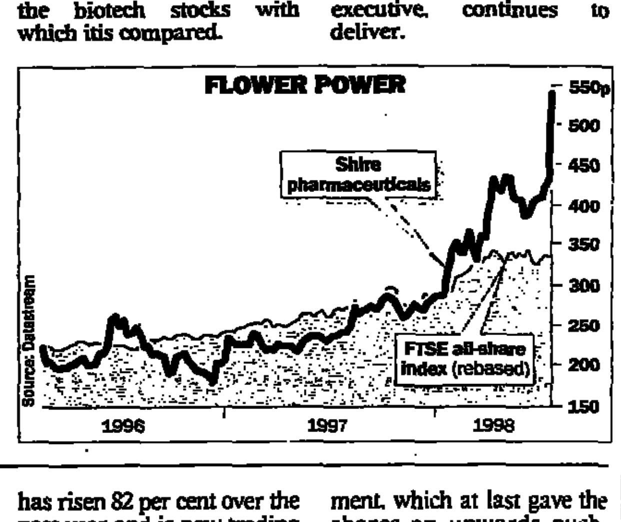
SHIRE Pharmaceuticals continues to rout the sceptics, which have in the past included this column. The company's flotation two-and-a-half years ago did not excite much interest — perhaps because Shire seemed as keen to talk about its sales of calcium supplements and hormone replacement products as about the possibilities of developing potential blockbusters.

In the strange world of emerging drug companies, big promises were so much more valuable than small (but real) sales. Then, last year, Shire transformed itself with two £100 million acquisitions of American companies. Wasn't the company overstretching itself, Tempus wondered.

Far from it. Shire made a £2.45 million profit in the last six months of last year, thanks to an immediate benefit from the child hyperactivity treatments acquired with Richwood last year.

Now Shire has gone one better with strongly encouraging results of a phase III trial of its Alzheimer's drug — a rare distinction among the biotech stocks with which itis compared.

With the launch of Reminyl for Alzheimer's in 2000, Panmure Gordon reckons Shire could soon be making more than £40 million. Currently valued at an absurd multiple of sales and profits, Shire should still prove good value if Rolf Stahel, its impressive chief executive, continues to deliver.



Spring Group

SPRING GROUP has carved itself a lucrative niche, providing temporary personnel to the IT and other service industries. Annual profits have doubled in the past two years to £12 million and are expected to exceed £18 million when the company reports next Monday.

Now it is hoping to work the same magic in the education sector, where an acute shortage of qualified teachers has left the way open for private operators to step in with highly trained labour — Australians are popular — who can be brought in at a moment's notice and dispensed with as and when required. With qualified but disillusioned teachers continuing to leave the education sector in droves, demand for people to plug the gaps looks assured for some time to come.

However, all this and more is already well reflected in Spring's share price, which has risen 82 per cent over the past year and is now trading on a heady p/e of 47 times. What's more, having already gobbled up six separate acquisitions since January — and nine over the past year — there has to be a danger that the management may be biting off more than it can chew in its haste to take advantage of opportunities.

The group is now an active player in three very different markets. While it undoubtedly has a well-respected management team, both they and the shares may need to take a breather before proceeding.

Debenhams

DEBENHAMS shares' bumpy ride since its demerger in January has more to do with the state of the retail sector than with the company itself. The company was and is well-managed, with high margins and an ambitious expansion programme.

Yesterday's trading statement, which at last gave the shares an upwards push, puts like-for-like sales so far this year 4.5 per cent ahead, after allowing for the later start of the summer sale. This suggests that Debenhams is doing well in difficult times.

Its claim to have maintained its margins is particularly impressive as pressures are growing on all retailers to get volumes going by cutting prices. Its clever use of own-bought and exclusive brands has clearly helped defend its margins and differentiate it from its competitors. Plans to modernise many existing stores and add 22 per cent more space through openings may look brave in the current climate, but will ensure future growth.

The retail sector may be out of favour among investors, but Debenhams' low rating is undeserved. There is plenty of scope for the shares to recover further.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1063-1061	Sep	1190-1185
Sep	1092-1091	Dec	1209 SLR
Dec	1121-1120	Mar	1228-1222
Mar	1143-1142	unq	—
May	1159-1157		
Jul	1174-1173		Volume: 8030

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1540-1524	Mar	1515-1505
Sep	1557-1555	May	1505 SLR
Nov	1538-1534	Jul	unq
Jan	1525-1520		Volume: 2649

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	265.6-63.9
Spot: unq		Aug	268.6-65.9
Oct	256.9-56.7	Oct	269.1-64.9
Dec	258.8-58.4	Dec	271.6-62.9
Mar	262.2-61.6		Volume: 1843

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	55.43	105.46	87.80
(+/-)	+0.30	-4.61	-0.30
Eng/Wales:	55.43	105.70	87.39
(+/-)	+0.30	-3.93	-0.32
(%)	-25.0	-20.0	+7.0
Scotland:	unq	103.18	95.03
(+/-)	—	-12.61	+2.19
(%)	—	+9.0	n/c

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	12.20	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	12.75	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	13.10	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	14.10	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	14.45	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	166 (n/c)	168 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	117 (n/c)	119 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (-1)	61 (-1)
Naphtha	130 (-1)	131 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Aug	114.75-15.00	Nov	126.50-26.75
Sep	118.25-18.50	Dec	129.75-30.00
Oct	122.75-23.00		Vol: 11476

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	12.68-12.70	Dec	13.72-13.73
Oct	13.05-13.09	Jan	n/a
Nov	13.41-13.44		Vol: 21760

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t) / LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	71.20	Sep	69.25
Nov	73.20	Nov	72.50
Jan	75.20	Jan	74.50
Mar	77.20	Mar	76.50
May	79.20	May	77.90
Volume: 67		Volume: 8	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	77.0
Mar	—	106.0
Apr	149.0	145.0
		Volume: 148

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Aug 48.25-48.75

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 98	875	870	870
Aug 98	unq	—	860
Sep 98	—	—	880
Oct 98	—	—	969
Vol: 5 lots		Open interest: 2163	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1693.5-1694.0	1712.0-1713.0	1174250
Lead ($/tonne)	535.00-536.00	536.00-537.00	146325
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1048.0-1049.5	1073.0-1073.5	575075
Tin ($/tonne)	5670.0-5690.0	5500.0-5520.0	38455
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1330.0-1331.0	1354.0-1354.5	2475450
Nickel ($/tonne)	4330.0-4340.0	4400.0-4410.0	87078

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
ASDA	200	17½	27	30½	8	13½	15
(*209½)	220	8½	17½	21	20	24	25½
Abbey Nat	1100	82½	119½	141	56½	75	93
(*1118½)	1150	58	94	116	83	99½	117½
Alld Dom	550	57½	68	78	11½	23½	26
(*582)	600	28	40½	52	32	47½	49½
BAA	650	61	76	93½	19½	29	35
(*684)	700	35	50½	67	42	52½	58
BAT Ind	700	56	81½	—	38	56	—
(*716½)	750	37½	58	—	68½	81½	—
Barclays	1900	129	168	221	91½	120	141
(*1919)	2000	84	139½	172½	147	173	193
Bass	1069	86	—	—	43½	—	—
(*1086)	1100	70	87½	111½	58½	62	94½
Boots	1050	73	103½	132½	41½	62	74
(*1060)	1100	49	79½	106½	68½	87	98½
Br Airways	650	63	88	107	27½	41	50½
(*677½)	700	43½	65	82½	51½	65	78½
BP	850	67½	86½	105	35½	56	64½
(*863½)	900	39½	62½	81	67	81	90
Br Steel	130	16	20	23½	5½	9	11
(*138)	140	11	15	18½	10	13½	15½
C&W	850	71	103	121	54	72	82½
(*852)	900	49	79½	97	82½	98½	108
CU	1150	102	143	168	60½	82	102½
(*1184½)	1200	77	118	143	85	106½	126½
GlaxoW	1900	163½	251	295	78	114½	145½
(*1889)	1900	139½	201½	245½	125½	163	193
HSBC	1600	150½	209½	251	108½	142	178½
(*1634½)	1700	104½	161½	204	163	192½	230½
Halifax	750	79½	104	123	42	52½	64½
(*791)	800	53	79	94	56	64	77½
ICI	900	84	114½	132½	34½	46½	62
(*949½)	950	57½	89	106	56	70	84½
Land Sec	850	77½	102½	119	16	33½	35
(*897½)	900	50	76	91	38	55	55
M&S	500	34½	67	79	10½	16	19½
(*538)	550	24½	36½	50½	29½	36½	40½
Nat Pwr	550	37	51	64½	21½	31½	34½
(*556½)	600	15½	29½	42½	50	59½	62
Nat West	1200	30	135	150½	67½	84	102½
(*1214½)	1250	67	101	125½	92	109½	128
Reed Intl	600	57½	80½	94½	23	37	41
(*634½)	650	35	54½	68	45	55	64
Reuters	586	62	—	—	26	—	—
(*620½)	645	33½	—	—	57½	—	—
PruSun	650	57½	83	98	35	49	62
(*667)	700	33	59½	75	63	75½	88½
Safeway	360	37	47	56	8	16	17½
(*383)	390	21½	30½	40	20½	28	31
Sainsbry	500	49½	67	76	19½	28½	35½
(*524½)	550	27	43	57	46½	54	60
Shell	420	26	37½	47	18	24½	30
(*424½)	460	10	19	31½	42½	48	52
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[illegible]	[illegible]	84	107½	129	49	61	69½

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
(*1110½)	1150	59	82	103	75	86	94
Vodafone	850	88½	122	146½	49	68	80½
(*876½)	900	64	98	122½	74½	89	105½
Woolwich	324	38½	—	—	13	—	—
(*345½)	354	20½	—	—	27	—	—
Zeneca	2500	205	261½	330½	119	174½	212
(*2548)	2600	152	230½	279½	167½	223½	260

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	152	18	24	—	2	8	—
(*166½)	177	5	12½	—	13½	21	—
Blue Circ	330	18½	33	41½	8	19½	26½
(*339)	360	7½	20	28	25½	36½	43
Br Aero	450	33½	56½	—	11	25½	—
(*471)	475	19½	44½	—	22	37½	—
Br Telcm	800	41½	77½	100	22	44½	60½
(*824½)	850	18	53½	75½	50	70½	86
Cadbury	900	60½	93	119	13	35½	47½
(*942)	950	32	66	93½	34	58½	71
Carlton Cms	550	38	62½	77	10½	26	33½
(*572½)	600	14½	38	51½	38	51½	58
Diageo	729	56	—	—	13½	—	—
(*767)	787	24	—	—	39½	—	—
Energy Gp	800	41½	45½	—	10½	10½	—
(*840)	850	½	3	—	—	—	—
Gallaher	360	21½	32	41	5	20	23½
(*376)	390	7	18	27	19½	37	39½
GEC	500	46	62	78	6½	22½	29½
(*537½)	550	15	35	51	28½	46	53½
Hanson	360	18	31	43	7½	17	23
(*370)	390	5	15½	27	24	31½	37½
Imp Tob	500	21½	39½	48½	11½	23	34½
(*506)	550	4	18½	27	45½	52½	63½
Kingfshr	475	32½	58	66½	7	20½	26½
(*498½)	500	17½	38½	54	17½	33½	38
LASMO	220	23½	33	41	9	13	20
(*239)	240	11	21½	30	9	15	18
Ladbroke	300	25	37½	46	6	16	22
(*316½)	330	9½	23	31½	20½	31	37
LucasVar	220	22½	31½	38½	2½	8½	12½
(*238½)	240	10	22½	28½	7	16½	21½
P&O	950	58½	86½	111½	10	32	43
(*995)	1000	26½	58½	84½	29	55	66
Prudntl	850	66½	94½	121½	17	45	61½
(*891½)	900	31½	69	97	38½	70½	86
Redland	330	15½	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
(*345)	360	½	—	—	15½	—	—
Tie Tom	700	58	64	106	9½	29½	42½

	Series	Calls			Puts		
(*749½)	750	28	58	87½	29½	52½	67
R-Royce	260	17½	29	38½	7	16½	21
(*270)	280	7½	20	29	17½	26½	30½
Tesco	183	16	22	28	2½	7½	10½
(*196½)	200	5½	13½	19½	9½	15	18
Utd Bisc	238	12½	19	25	5	11½	16
(*244½)	261	3	9½	15½	18½	25	29

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	May	Puts Oct	Jan	May
AbbLex	850	66½	93½	118½	50	63	87
(*868)	900	44	69½	94½	77	95½	113

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
BG	360	36	42	58½	3	16	21½
(*385½)	390	18½	31½	43½	23	29½	35½
BSkyB	500	28½	45½	51	15½	35	35½
(*511)	550	9½	25	28½	48½	53	63
Br Bio	35	8½	11½	14	5	—	8½
(*37)	40	6½	9½	12½	10	—	11½
Centrica	100	8	12½	15½	3½	5½	6
(*104½)	110	4	8	10½	3	10½	11
Dixons	550	44	65½	80	14½	25	31½
(*574)	600	19½	41	55	35	43	56
EMI	500	38½	55½	70½	25½	41	51½
(*511½)	550	17½	35	52	57	70½	80½
Granada	1100	62	96½	116	35½	61	76
(*1117)	1150	33	72½	92	85	84	100½
GUS	750	35½	57½	71	34	51½	61
(*750½)	800	16	37½	52½	65½	81½	91
Lloyds TSB	900	37	110½	135½	25½	59	77½
(*930½)	950	46	85½	111½	60½	64	102
Lonrho	256	29	—	—	5½	—	—
(*279)	288	11	—	—	21	—	—
Norwich	460	18½	31½	52	19	31	38½
(*475½)	500	16	25	46	41½	52½	60
Orange	700	50	57½	111	42	68½	74½
(*712)	750	37½	67½	87½	67½	90½	100½
Railtrck	1500	125½	197½	232	52½	95½	129
(*1558)	1600	72½	142½	185	101	147½	178
Scot Pwr	550	53	78	94½	15½	29	35½
(*583½)	600	55	53	53½	36	55	59½
Tarmac	100	8	10½	13½	4	6	7½
(*107½)	110	4	6½	9	9	12	13½
Thmsn	330	26½	34½	41	8½	13½	18
(*350)	360	9½	21	26½	24	23½	33½
Unilever	650	54½	74	91½	19	31	41
(*677½)	700	23½	49	68½	43	55	65½

July 20 Total: 29262 Calls: 13652 Puts: 15610

FTSE INDEX (*6173)

Strike	Calls Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Puts Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
6000	260	335½	395	443½	521	72	127½	154½	226	205½
6050	222½	299	360	409	—	85	139	165½	241½	—
6100	183	261½	325	379	454	101	158½	185	257	244
6150	158½	236	294½	351½	—	120½	180½	205	284	—
6200	128½	205	267	324	391½	140½	200½	225	256½	283½
6250	104	176	240	297	—	167	225	251½	305½	—
6300	81½	153	213	269½	332	195½	251½	274½	331½	330
6350	61	133½	186	242	—	226½	273	299	375	—

July 20 Total: 1654 Calls: 961 Puts: 693

*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 98	108.44	108.56	108.28	108.45	28055
Previous open interest 148724	Dec 98	108.49	108.49	108.45	108.52	100
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 98	108.75	109.06	108.71	108.94	3472
Previous open interest 65255	Dec 98				108.23	0
Five Year Gilt	Sep 98	103.04	103.04	103.04	103.04	10
Previous open interest 2567	Dec 98					0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 98	120.76	121.10	120.69	120.89	12247
Previous open interest 101033	Dec 98				107.19	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 98	131.70	131.76	131.67	131.69	357
	Dec 98				131.43	0
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 98	92.180	92.180	92.140	92.160	22446
	Dec 98	92.210	92.220	92.190	92.210	24090
Previous open interest 1073218	Mar 99	92.400	92.400	92.360	92.380	18191
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 98	96.395	96.400	96.390	96.400	18424
Previous open interest 2420419	Dec 98	96.175	96.185	96.170	96.175	18710
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 98	95.600	95.600	95.550	95.580	18970
Previous open interest 710127	Dec 98	96.100	96.120	96.100	96.110	11133
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 98	97.820	97.820	97.790	97.810	9494
Previous open interest 206125	Dec 98	97.600	97.620	97.580	97.610	2513
Three Mth Euro	Sep 98	95.890	95.895	95.890	95.890	109
Previous open interest 32612	Dec 98	96.125	96.130	96.125	96.130	24
FTSE 100	Sep 98	6214.0	6235.0	6197.0	6217.0	12736
Previous open interest 177801	Dec 98	6327.0	6327.0	6317.0	6314.0	130

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 8
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7⅛ Low 7 Week fixed: 7⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7⅛ ; 3 mth 7⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 7 ; 3 mth: 7 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 7½, close 7 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.58	5.64	5.70
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $294.30-294.70 Close: $294.50-295.00 High: $294.80-295.30
Low: $294.25-294.75 AM: $294.65 PM: $294.85
Krugerrand: $296.00-298.00 (£179.50-181.50)
Platinum: $394.00 (£239.20) Silver: $5.415 (£3.275) Palladium: $347.00 (£210.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3004-3.3096	3.3042-3.3068	1¼-1⅛pr	3½-3⅜pr
Brussels	60.350-60.570	60.430-60.529	23-19pr	65-58pr
Copenhagen	11.152-11.187	11.165-11.179	¼-⅛pr	1-¼pr
Dublin	1.1631-1.1692	1.1659-1.1673	15-8pr	46-46pr
Frankfurt	2.9284-2.9357	2.9312-2.9336	1⅛-1pr	3-2¾pr
Lisbon	299.72-300.37	299.86-300.18	¼-⅛pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Madrid	248.47-249.23	248.74-248.99	73-62pr	213-195pr
Milan	2866.4-2896.0	2890.0-2893.2	74-58pr	216-194pr
Montreal	2.4447-2.4525	2.4503-2.4525	0.58-0.52pr	1.11-1.02pr
New York	1.6452-1.6493	1.6484-1.6493	0.283-0.262pr	0.823-0.792pr
Oslo	12.349-12.386	12.363-12.385	¼-⅛pr	¼-⅛pr
Paris	9.8110-9.8430	9.8269-9.8356	3⅜-3¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Stockholm	12.973-13.022	12.995-13.018	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr
Tokyo	228.46-229.57	228.96-229.23	1⅛-1⅜pr	4⅛-4pr
Vienna	20.594-20.658	20.623-20.640	¼-⅛pr	2⅜-2⅛pr
Zurich	2.4710-2.4777	2.4749-2.4777	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅜-3⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.5885-1.5898
Austria	12.50-12.51
Belgium (Com)	36.65-36.66
Canada	1.4868-1.4873
Denmark	6.7685-6.7785
France	5.9577-5.9587
Germany	1.7772-1.7777
Hong Kong	7.7484-7.7489
Ireland	1.4116-1.4166
Italy	1752.85-1753.15
Japan	138.71-138.76
Malaysia	4.1080-4.1175
Netherlands	2.0033-2.0038
Norway	7.4955-7.5055
Portugal	181.80-181.90
Singapore	1.7000-1.6020
Spain	150.87-150.92
Sweden	7.8812-7.8862
Switzerland	1.5005-1.5010

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6489-1.6514
Australia dollar	2.6167-2.6201
Bahrain dinar	0.6110-6.6270
Brazil real*	1.9131-9.9178
China yuan	13.462-13.767
Cyprus pound	0.8295-0.8705
Finland markka	8.8225-8.9665
Greece drachma	479.50-490.90
Hong Kong dollar	12.7655-12.7725
India rupee	68.93-70.73
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4970-0.5100
Malaysia ringgit	6.7646-6.7836
New Zealand dollar	3.1171-3.1245
Pakistan rupee	74.70 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9125-6.0465
Singapore dollar	2.8003-2.8049
S Africa rand (com)	n/a
U A E dirham	5.9650-6.1020

Barclays Treasury * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	140	Lloyds TSB	4,903
ASDA Gp	27,429	LucasVarity	806
Abbey Ntl	1,582	Marks Spr	3,541
Allied Dom	3,940	Misys	413
Allnce & Leic	1,068	Nat Grid	1,116
Amvescap	1,113	Nat Power	1,305
AB Foods	493	NatWst Bk	3,183
Bk of Scot	1,199	Norwich Un	2,751
BAA	2,233	Nycmd Amr	405
Barclays	1,881	Orange	1,942
Bass	1,034	P & O	3,669
BAT Inds	6,672	Pearson	1,410
BG	1,613	PowerGen	262
Billiton	3,545	Prudential	1,429
Blue Circle	1,958	Railtrack	6,038
BOC	375	Rank Group	2,185
Boots	908	Reckitt Col	938
BAe	4,508	Reed Intl	1,899
BA	1,638	Rentokil	1,926
Brit Energy	3,676	Reuters	2,683
Br Land	1,616	Rio Tinto	1,666
BP	3,186	RMC	237
Brit Steel	2,731	Rolls Royce	1,562
BSkyB	1,265	Ryl & Sun	3,844
BT	9,961	Ryl Bk Sct	1,895
BTR	2,486	Safeway	757
CGU	2,834	Sainsbury	2,408
Cable Wire	6,752	Schroders	71
Cadbury	1,111	Scot & New	1,083
Carlton Cms	2,233	Scot Power	1,612
Centrica	2,813	Svrn Trent	212
Compass Gp	1,532	Shell Trans	9,786
Diageo	4,757	Siebe	955
EMI	7,317	Smiths Ind	441
Enterpr Oil	405	SmKl Bch	5,469
Gen Elec	3,660	Stagecoach	420
GKN	779	Std Chartd	3,648
Glaxo Well	3,017	Sun Life	95
Granada	1,108	Tesco	7,520
GUS	562	Thames W	249
GRE	1,038	Tomkins	1,158
ICI	1,462	Unilever	3,213
HSBC	3,062	Utd News	738
Halifax	1,884	Utd Utilities	897
Hays	583	Vodafone	4,459
Kingfisher	2,780	WPP	950
Ladbroke	1,747	Whitbread	537
Land Secs	1,219	Williams	1,865
LASMO	1,905	Woolwich	2,167
Legal & Gn	1,943	Zeneca	589

WALL STREET

	Jul 20 midday	Jul 17 close
AMP Inc	34¼	31¾
AMR Corp	73¾	73½
AT & T	59¾	59¾
Abbott Labs	44¾	44½
Advanced Micro	17¼	16¾
Aetna Life	78¼	79¾
Ahmanson (HF)	74	72¼
Air Prod & Chem	38¾	38¼
AirTouch Comm	63	59½
Albertson's	51¼	52
Alcan Alumnm	26¾	26½
Allied Signal	46¼	45½
Alum Co of Am	72¾	72¾
Amerada Hess	54	54¾
AEP	44¾	45
Amer Express	115½	115¾
Amer Genl Corp	72¾	73
Amer Home Pr	53¾	54¼
Amer Intl	152	151¾
Amer Online	133¾	127¼
Amer Stores	25	25½
Amer Standard	44½	44¾
Ameritech	50¾	50½
Amgen	74½	72½
Amoco	41	40¾
Andrew Corp	18½	18¾
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	50¾
Apple Computer	36½	36½
Archer Daniels	17¾	17½
Armco	6½	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	66¾	66¾
Asarco	23½	23¾
Atl Richfield	71¾	72¾
Atmel Corp	13¼	13½
Auto Data Pro	73¾	73½
Avery Dennison	58	56¾
Avon Products	86½	87¼
Baker Hughes	29¾	29¾
Baltim Gas & El	31¼	31½
Banc One	60¾	61
BankAmerica	97¼	96½
Bank of NY	67¾	67¾
Bankers Tr Crp	121	121
Bausch & Lomb	47½	46½
Baxter Intl	56½	56½
Becton Dickinsn	86¾	87¼
Bell Atlantic	45¾	45¾
BellSouth	66¼	65½
Best Foods	60¼	59¾
Black & Decker	62¾	62½
Block (H&R)	44¾	44½
Boeing	49¾	50¾
Boise Cascade	33¾	33
Boston Scien	75¾	75
Bristol Myrs Sq	124¾	123¾
Browning Ferris	37½	37¾
Brunswick	22¼	22½
Burlington Nthn	104¾	104½
CMS Energy Corp	43¾	43½
CSX	45¼	44¾
CBS Corp	34¼	34¾
Campbell Soup	54½	54¾
Carolina Pwr	42¾	42¾
Case Corp	43¾	44¼
Caterpillar	53½	53¾
Central & SW	26¾	26¾
Champion Intl	48½	47¾
Chase Manhat	75¾	74½
Chevron Corp	82½	82¾
Chrysler	55¾	56½
Chubb Corp	85¾	86¾
Cigna Corp	72¾	72½
Citicorp	179¾	178¾
Clorox	97¾	96¾
Coastal Corp	33	32¾
Coca Cola	85¾	86¼
Coca Cola Ent	40¼	40¾
Colgate-Palm	97¾	95¾
Columbia Energy	56¼	56
ColumbiaHCA	31½	32¾
Compaq Comp	33½	33½
Comp Ass Intl	58¾	58½
Conagra	26¾	26¾
Cons Edison	44¼	44½
Cons Nat Gas	54½	54¾
Cooper Inds	55½	56½
Corning Inc	33½	33¾
C'wide Credit	52½	52½
Crestar Finl	72½	[illegible]
Crown Cork	45½	45
Daimler Bz ADR	96¼	96½
Dana Corp	53¾	53½
Dayton Hudson	53½	52¾
Deere	48½	48½
Dell Computer	117½	116½
Delta Air Lines	132½	132¾
Deluxe Corp	36½	37¾
Dillard Dept St	38¾	38½
Disney (Walt)	38¾	39½
Dominion Res	39½	39½
Donelley (RR)	45¾	45¾
Dover Corp	34½	33¾
Dow Chemical	96	95½
Dow Jones	56¾	57¾
Dresser	40¾	41¾
Duke Energy	57¾	57¾
Du Pont	68¾	68½
Eastman Chem	60¾	60½
Eastman Kodak	80¾	80¾
Eaton Corp	71½	71¾

	Jul 20 midday	Jul 17 close
Edison Intl	29¾	29¾
Elect Data Sys	37¾	37¾
Emerson Elec	62¾	62½
Engelhard Corp	20	20
Enron Corp	57¾	57¾
Entergy	27¾	27½
Ethyl Corp	6¼	5¾
Exxon	71½	72¾
FDX Holding	67½	66½
FMC Corp	63½	64¾
FPL Group	61½	62½
Fifth Third Banc	65½	65½
Fleet Finl Grp	88½	88½
Fluor Corp	44½	45¾
Ford Motor	57¾	59
Fort James	42¾	42¾
Fortune Brands	39½	39¾
Franklin Res	49½	50
GTE Corp	56½	56½
Gannett	66½	68
Gap Inc Del	64¾	65¾
Gateway 2000	66¾	67¾
Gen Dynamics	46¾	46½
Gen Electric	95½	96¾
Gen Mills	66	66½
Gen Motors	68	69¾
Gen Reinsurance	257¾	256½
Gen Signal	41¾	37¾
Genuine Parts	35½	35½
Georgia Pac	58	57½
Gillette	57½	58½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	62½	61½
Goodrich (BF)	43½	43½
Goodyear Tire	62¾	62¾
Great Lakes	38¾	39
Halliburton	41½	42
Harcourt General	59¾	59¾
Heinz (HJ)	57¾	58½
Hercules	38¾	39½
Hershey Foods	65¼	65½
Hewlett Packard	61½	59¾
Hilton Hotels	27	26½
Home Depot	47½	47½
Homestake Mng	11¾	11½
Honeywell	84½	84½
Household Intl	51½	51½
Houston Inds	29¾	29½
Humana	19½	20
Ikon Office	13½	13¾
Illinois Tool	65½	67¾
Illinova	26¾	26½
INCO	12½	12¾
Ingersoll Rand	45½	45¾
Inland Steel	28¾	28½
Intel Corp	82½	83½
IBM	121½	120¾
Intl Flav & Fr	43½	41¾
Intl Paper	45¾	45
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	77½	77¾
Kellogg	36¾	35¾
Kerr-McGee	56¾	57½
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	48¾
Kmart	18½	17½
Knight-Ridder	54¾	53½
Lilly (Eli)	66½	67½
Limited Inc	30¾	30½
Lincoln Nat	94½	94¾
Litton	60½	60¾
Liz Claiborne	52¾	52½
Lockheed Martin	106¾	105¾
Louisiana Pac	18½	17¾
Lucent Tech	100¾	95½
MCI Comm	69¾	68½
Manpower Inc	29½	29¾
Marketspan Cp	26½	26½
Marriott Intl A	31½	31¾
Marsh & McLnn	63½	63½
Masco Corp	31½	31½
May Dept St	69½	69¾
Maytag Corp	48¾	48¾
McDonalds	70½	73½
McGraw Hill	85¾	86¾
Mead Corp	32¾	32¾
MediaOne Group	48½	49¾
Medirust Corp	26¾	26¾
Medtronic	66¾	66¾
Mellon Bk	71	71¾
Merck Inc	138½	138¾
Merrill Lynch	103½	105¾
Microsoft	119¾	117¾
Minnesota Minc	84	83¾
Mirage Resorts	20¾	20½
Mobil Corp	74¾	74¾
Monsanto	59¾	58¾
Morgan (JP)	134½	132½
Motorola Inc	54¾	53¾
Mylan Labs	33½	35
Natl Semi	14¾	14¾
Natl Service Ind	57½	57¾
Navistar Int	30¾	30¾
NY Times A	36½	36¾
Newmont Mng	23¾	23½
Nike B	50	50½
NL Industries	22½	22½
Nordstrom	37¾	37½
Norfolk Sthn	30¾	31
Nthn State Pwr	27¾	27½
Norwest Corp	39	39¾
Occidental Pet	25¾	25½
Office Depot	35½	35¾

	Jul 20 midday	Jul 17 close
Oracle	27¾	27¾
Oryx Energy Co	20¾	20¾
Owens Corning	46¾	45¾
PPG Industries	67½	67
PMI Group	86½	87½
PNC Bank	59¾	59½
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	49½	48½
Pacificorp	21¾	22½
PaineWebber	46¾	46¾
Pall Corp	20½	20¾
Parker Hannifin	34½	33¾
Peco Energy	29¾	29½
Penney (JC)	65¾	66¾
Pennzoil	50¾	50¾
Pepsico	39½	39½
Pfizer	117¾	115¾
Pharm & Upjhn	48½	48½
Phelps Dodge	60¾	60¾
Philip Morris	40½	39½
Phillips Pet	46¾	48¾
Pitney Bowes	54½	54¾
Polaroid	35¾	36½
Procter & Gmbl	90¾	90
Providian	81½	81½
Pub Serv E & G	33¾	33¾
Quaker Oats	53¾	54¾
Ralston Purina	36¾	36½
Raytheon Corp	50½	50½
Raytheon B	60¾	60
Reebok Intl	27	27
Reliastar Fin	51¾	51¾
Reynolds Metals	55¾	55¾
Rockwell Intl	46½	47¾
Rohm & Haas	99¾	99¾
Royal Dutch	54½	53½
Rubbermaid	31½	31¾
SBC Comms	41¾	42¾
Safeco Corp	40½	41¾
St Paul's Cos	41¾	41½
Sara Lee Corp	56½	57½
Schering Plough	104½	101¾
Schlumberger	66½	67¾
Seagram	41	39¾
Sears Roebuck	57¾	58¾
Shell Trans	41¾	41¾
Sherwin Wlms	34	33½
Silicon Graphics	14¾	14½
Snap-On-Tools	36½	36½
Southern Co	27½	27½
Southtrust	41½	41½
Sprint Corp	73¾	73½
Stanley Works	46½	45¾
Starwood H & R	47½	47½
Sun Company	38½	38½
Sun Microsys	52½	52
Suntrust	78½	57½
Supervalu	46½	46½
Synovus Fin	24¾	24¾
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	56½	56¾
TIG Hldgs	23	23½
Tandy Corp	54¾	55½
Temple Inland	55½	55½
Tenet Healthcare	30	30½
Tenneco	34½	33½
Texaco	58½	57¾
Texas Inst	59¾	61
Texas Utilities	41½	41½
Textron	74½	75½
Thermo Elect	28½	29½
Time Warner	97¾	99½
Times-Mirror A	61½	61
Timken	29½	29¾
Torchmark	45¾	45¾
Toys R Us	23¾	24
Transamerica	117½	118¾
Travelers	72	71¾
Tribune	72½	72¾
Tyco Int	66¾	67¾
UST Inc	27½	27½
US Bancorp	47	47
UAL	91½	89½
Unitrin	68½	68½
US Inds	19½	19¾
US West	52	52½
USAirways Group	75½	74½
USX Marathon	34½	34½
Unicom	36	36½
Unilever NV	80½	80½
Union Camp	44½	45½
Union Carbide	51¾	52¾
Union Pacific	43¾	43½
Unisys Corp	30½	30½
United Tech	93½	94½
Unocal Corp	35	35½
VF Corp	45¾	45½
Venator Group	17¾	17
Wal-Mart Stores	68¾	68
Warner-Lambert	39½	79½
Wells Fargo	353	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	46¾	46¾
Whirlpool	61	62
Whitman	22½	22½
Winn Dixie	35½	35½
Witco Corp	27½	27¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	94¾	95½
Xerox	117½	112¾
Xilinx Inc	36¾	37½

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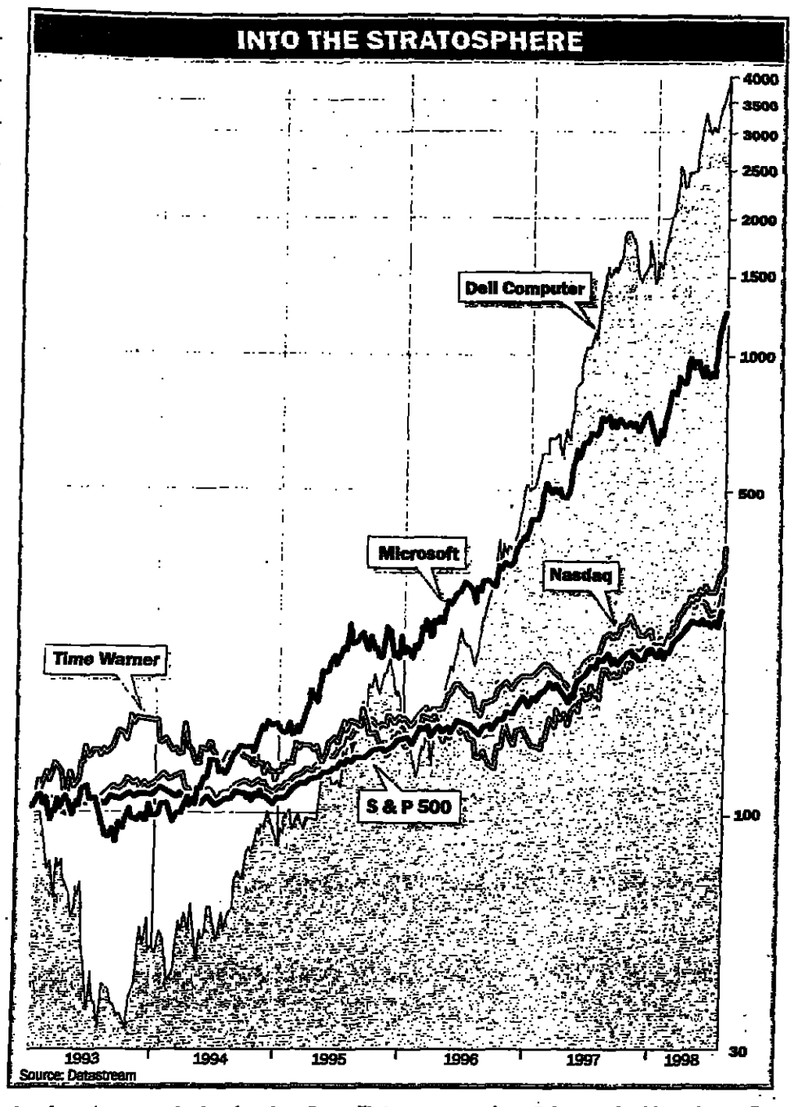
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ECONOMIC VIEW  ANATOLE KALETSKY

Words will be the winners in the Internet gold rush

High-tech share prices do not reflect economic realities of the digital revolution



Last week, as the Nasdaq index of Wall Street high technology shares broke through the 2,000 level, presumably on its way to 10,000, as Dell Computer became more valuable than General Motors, and as Yahoo!, an Internet listings service with a three-year history and no profits, became more valuable than *The New York Times*, I happened to be in the right place at the right time.

I was at a conference of media and communications executives in America discussing the digital future. It seemed a perfect opportunity to reflect again on a theme that this page has discussed every few months: the interaction between US economic prosperity, Wall Street's financial euphoria and Americans' love affair with computers, the Internet and communications technologies of all kinds.

This time, however, I want to move beyond the macroeconomic perspectives that have dominated past columns. Partly this is because I have nothing much to add on the macroeconomic front. My view on the macro-issues, for what it is worth, is still the same as it has been since early 1995. The US economy is unlikely to suffer a recession until the next decade, even if the stock market bubble bursts. Wall Street will probably rise even further before the long-awaited correction of 30 per cent plus.

However, when it comes to the microeconomic and investment issues relating to new technology, conventional wisdom seems wildly over-optimistic. The US technology gold rush is real enough, with vast wealth being created and much more waiting to be unearthed. The question, however, is which companies and industries will discover the motherlodes of true value and which will come back with fool's gold.

Judging by the behaviour of the US stock market and the views of industry analysts, conventional wisdom seems wrong on several counts. First, this is not a technological revolution. It is really a revolution in marketing. The greatest rewards have not gone, and will not go, for technical innovation, but for consumer recognition and market power. This is evidenced in the triumph of such technologically uncreative companies as Microsoft and Dell. The market is also wrong to assume that the businesses that struck lucky in the first phase of the gold rush will still be holding the money-bags after competition and regulation have completed its work.

That the stock market is ignoring both these precepts is clear from the stratospheric valuations placed on companies such as Microsoft, Cisco Systems, Dell, Yahoo!, WorldCom, Amazon.com and other technology, media and marketing stocks that have sprinkled themselves with digital stardust. Microsoft and Dell, for example, may deserve recognition as brilliant marketing companies, on a par with Coca-Cola or Gillette. Yet at 60 to 70 times annual earnings, the stock market values Microsoft and Dell far more highly than even the best marketing stocks — as if the rapid growth they have enjoyed for a few short years demonstrated their command of some new and uniquely unassailable technology, rather than such old-fashioned virtues as brand recognition, efficient management and unregulated market power.

On the durability of early market leadership, Wall Street's euphoria is even more bizarre. Dozens of Internet and media companies such as Amazon and Yahoo! have made almost no profits yet are worth billions of dollars. Such valuations are rationalised because these companies have created completely new markets — for shopping and advertising on the Internet — that seem fast-growing and exciting. But will Amazon remain the dominant Internet bookstore if other experienced retailers enter the fray? Will Yahoo! retain its dominance over Internet listings, if this business is attacked by media companies with trusted brand names, close relations with advertisers and long track-records of editing timely, interesting information that is relevant to consumers' needs?

The answer to such questions is almost certainly no, which is why Internet euphoria can accurately be described as a bubble. But more interesting than the dubious prospects for today's faddish companies is the question of how established companies in related industries should respond to the digital gold rush. The economic forces suggest at least two conclusions that go against today's conventional wisdom.

Firstly, the biggest beneficiaries of the digital revolution are unlikely to include the present darlings of Wall Street. Personal computer manufacturing, TV and cable provision, Internet connection services and even the marketing of operating systems or other basic software are well on their way to becoming commodity businesses. Prices and ultimately profits will be driven down either by competition or regulation. Economics suggests that whatever is abundant eventually becomes cheap. Politics suggests that whoever makes extraordinary profits by controlling the supply of an inherently cheap essential service — be it telephones or oil — is eventually deprived of the monopoly rents through regulation or taxation.

The price competition that finally broke out last year in the personal computer business is only a foretaste of what lies in store as the price of basic, functional computers falls towards the £300 or so paid today for a colour TV. The best that companies such as Microsoft and Dell can expect in the long run is the chance to make a strategic choice. Will they become the Ford or Exxon of the future through competition or will they submit to regulation and become tomorrow's Consolidated Edison or AT&T? Competition will also cut into monopoly profits for suppliers of raw information, news and data since the quantity and speed of communication is growing almost as computer processing power.

Who, then, will reap the long-term rewards as computing and information both become surplus commodities? Presumably it will be the businesses that can transform cheap information into something more interesting, useful, educational, entertaining or easy to use. But even the purveyors of intelligence, rather than information, are unlikely to gain durably dominant positions. It is almost inconceivable that any information or technology company, however successful, will sustain in the long run the sort of market valuation now attached to Microsoft.

The second big surprise about the digital revolution may seem like a matter of parochial interest to people in the media, but is actually of great significance for every aspect of modern culture. The Internet's most important effect may be to end the ascendancy of television and strengthen the written word. The visual media are under siege from several directions. On one side, the proliferation of digital media is undermining the economics of broadcasting. Mainstream TV networks are rapidly losing market share to cable, digital and pay-TV. Even more importantly, Americans are spending less time in total in front of the box; the Internet is peeling away the audiences, especially among the young. To make matters worse, the cost of visual production is rapidly rising, as proliferating channels expand the demand for proven "talent".

Yet on the verbal side of the visual/verbal divide, the digital revolution is proving more benign. The Internet is first and foremost a medium of words. E-mail is reviving the art of letter writing. The hierarchical structure of information on the Internet favours the written word. Despite all the hype about live-action 3-D animations, many heavy Internet users actually switch off graphics when they have the choice. Yahoo!, the most successful of all the websites, until recently had no graphics at all. Although newspaper circulations in America are falling, specialist magazines are flourishing.

For verbal media that have managed to survive the heyday of the TV era, the additional challenge from the Internet is likely to be relatively small. In fact, newspapers and magazines with strong brand identities and monopoly niches, defined by regions, political ideologies or specialised content, should find it easier than TV stations to make themselves heard above the din of proliferating media competition.

Of course, the written messages of the future may not come on paper delivered through the door. But if technology ever comes up with a more convenient medium than paper for reading, this will boost, not threaten, the written word. Some far-off day you may find it more comfortable to read this article on your laptop than on a paper sheet. But whatever the medium, I hope you will find this article more interesting, or at least more valuable, than a 3-D animation of an android flying around the moon.

Sports & Outdoor breaks into the big league


JASON NISSE

Having arrived on the Alternative Investment Market with little publicity two weeks ago, Sports & Outdoor Media International is an extremely rare beast. There are hardly any quoted sports advertising and sponsorship specialists. Indeed, the only real way to invest in this sector is to buy shares in Interpublic, the US marketing services group that owns the fast-growing Octagon operation.

But Sports & Outdoor is no Octagon. It is a strange hybrid of a beast, having been created by John Beckwith, the property tycoon and uncle of media celebrity, Tamara, from the amalgamation of an Australian and a British company. It operates from an opulent office overlooking Hyde Park in central London, where the receptionist alternatively answers the phone: "Pacific Investments" or "Beckwith Capital Partners" or "River & Mercantile".

Given that the businesses that make up the group were purchased in the past 16 months for little more than £13 million, it is hard to see why the market has so taken it to its bosom, marking up the shares from their placing price of 76p to 99.5p yesterday, giving the group a valuation of more than £30 million.

The main operation is in advertising boards, mostly on the perimeters of sports grounds. However, it also has the intriguingly named Sydney Airport Spectacular, a giant advertising hoarding on the road to Australia's main airport. In the UK, the mainstay of the company is its cricket deal with the six Test match grounds, which brought in £4.8 million last year.

However, three of those contracts — for Trent Bridge, Edgbaston and Old Trafford — end this season. Simon Halden, Sports & Outdoor's chief executive, says it is confident that it will retain the contracts — although there are some others in the industry who think the competition will be stiff — and, anyway, losing the contracts does not mean that the company will not actually sell perimeter advertising at the groups.

"Typically, we sell the advertising in a deal that includes a board at all the grounds, plus some corporate hospitality," he says. The price for all of this would be in the region of £300,000 a year.

Mr Halden is trying to expand Sports & Outdoor's portfolio. It has struck deals in rugby and is trying to break into football. Its big break has been a controversial arrangement that has seen it recently appointed as sponsorship consultant to the FA Premier League.

In the Premier League deal, the idea is to sign five "name" sponsorships, priced at £1.8 million each per year, to stand behind the main Premier League sponsor, Carling.

So far, only one of these deals has been announced, with Nestlé, which has become the official confectionary of the Premier League (no doubt vying with Snickers, the official snack food of the Football Association). For this, Nestlé gets two boards at each of the 20 Premier League grounds for the whole season.

Another deal, with *The Daily Telegraph*, is also rumoured to have been struck, though the price is said to have been less than £1 million.

Other sponsorship consultants have been angry about the deal, saying that they did not get any chance to bid. There are suggestions that the deal came from the fact that Peter Leaver, the chief executive of the Premier League, knew Mr Beckwith from the time Mr Leaver was a practicing QC. However, both Mr Halden and Steve Pearson, marketing director of the Premier League, say that this friendship had nothing to do with the contract award.

The proof of the pudding

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will be in the eating. If Sports & Outdoor can deliver five valuable sponsorship contracts to the Premier League, then no one will moan about how the contract was won. However, with sponsors already moaning about how expensive football is becoming, this might be a tricky task, especially for such a young company.

☐ This week's contribution to "bad ad watch" has to be from One-2-One, the mobile phone company. Though the "Who would you like to have a One-2-One with" campaign is excellent, one of the ads shows how dangerous it can be to rely too heavily on a celebrity for your advertising. One advert features Ian Wright, the footballer, who has a One-2-One with Martin Luther King. Unfortunately, since the item was shot, Mr Wright has changed club. Though he now plays for West Ham United, the advert still shows him with an Arsenal shirt. I think the mobile phone firm should have a One-2-One with its advertising agency, Bartle Bogle Hegarty.

☐ It is a perpetual moan that many of the best films released do not find screen space outside London. The big Hollywood blockbusters, such as *Godzilla* or *Armageddon*, tend to fill up the multiplexes, leaving little space for art-house movies, even quite popular ones like *The Crying Game* or *My Left Foot*.

However, a deal to be announced late this week between Stella Artois, the lager brand, and UCI, Europe's largest multiplex chain, should change this. Stella already has quite an involvement with film, sponsoring Channel 4's current movie series and ripping off the classic *Jean de Florette* for its "reassuringly expensive" advertising campaign.

It is to back a 15-week season, starting next week, which will have special showings of films that have not been widely shown, such as *The Big Lewbowski* or *The Wedding Singer*, as well as previews of yet-to-be-released movies such as *X-Files*, *The Avengers* and *Velvet Goldmine* (which would fall into the first category as well).

On top of this there will be all sorts of special promotions, the largest being one to give away one million cinema tickets. The only trouble is that, while you are at the cinema, you cannot be in the pub drinking Stella. Well, you can't have everything.


Actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers plays pop in *Velvet Goldmine*

Native tracker

VIRGIN has made a strange choice for the new managing director of its personal finance business. The business that claims to eschew all those traditional City values of stock-picking and investment analysis in favour of straight index-tracking, or following the market, has hired a true City grandee.

Simon Clegg used to be at Hoare Govett and stayed on for a while as managing director for Continental Europe following the merger with ABN Amro. He last graced these pages running an information technology consultancy, Galileo Research, with the help of Steve Redgrave, the Olympic rowing champion.


Virgin will take Simon Clegg back to his financial roots

Clegg is now taking a back seat at Galileo and Redgrave has also departed. Virgin says his re-emergence in financial services is a coincidence and he has been hired because of his experience in setting up Galileo. "It's his management skills that he's bringing in," it claims. "It's in no way indicating a change of plan as far as our investment approach goes."

AMERICAN EXPRESS is advertising for Swedish-speaking and German-speaking managers of purchasing at its consultancy group, whatever that may be. The need is obviously a pressing one. The ad, in The Economist, *contains three words of Swedish, two of them misspelt. The German version isn't much better.*

Love and peace

THERE is a terribly fashionable store on the Fulham Road called Voyage which sells the sort of hippy-look clothes you could not give away in 1976 at stupid 1998 prices. Jemima Khan wore flowing frocks from there during her pregnancy. This is one of those peculiar shops that bars the door to anyone who is neither trendy nor rich enough, and Peter Simon, head of the Monsoon chain of ethnic-look dress shops, was until recently one of the few who could be guaranteed a welcome.

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He would drop in to browse among the 700 hippy-look dresses for friends and family and share a cup of coffee with Voyage's owner, Tiziano Mazzilli. Until recently, Simon, who started Monsoon in 1972 as a similarly up-market business on Beauchamp Place, has been banned from the place because the excitable Mazzilli, reckons that the "Voyage look" is appearing in Monsoon's collections. Monsoon has, of course, been peddling ethnic-inspired, velvet-trimmed clothes for the past twenty-six years, so quite what has inspired this latest rift I canot say. As if anyone could tell one shapeless purple sack from another.

Swan's way

Chris Swan, chairman and chief executive of car parts distributor Finelist, is so keen to merge with rival Partco, a bid that looks like it could prove the most bad-tempered of the summer, that he is willing to give up one of his twin positions, in line with best Cadbury behaviour on corporate governance.

"I want to have face-to-face discussions with Partco about the composition of the board of directors of a merged group," said Swan. "It is my intention to accommodate people's requirements." This is a rare show of humility from a man who is not normally keen to share the glory, and I suggest Phil Wragg, chief executive at Partco, makes a careful note of this promise. It might be an idea to get it in writing too.

To celebrate Belgian Independence Day today, King Albert II has conferred on some more of his subjects the title of Baron. (This is a little known honour aimed at making it easier for us all to play the after-dinner game of naming six famous Belgians by occasionally hoisting the few available candidates into public view). One recipient this time is Paul Buysse, pronounced Burser, the new chief executive of Vickers. My congratulations to the man who has cornered the business market at least in famous Belgians.

Future shock

I SEE that Orange, the mobile phone company, has just appointed a director of futurology. Kenny Hirschhorn will also be in charge of strategy and research and development. He is arriving a little late, alas, because had he been around earlier, his futurological powers could easily have predicted the dire state of the phone lines into the company over the past month.

Orange announced a new pricing package a while back, since when mobile phone owners been complaining that it is taking up to 40 minutes, for the truly patient or truly obstinate, to get through. At least one firm of dealers says it can take 15 to 20 minutes to confirm a new sale.

Now Orange has been forced to put a recorded message on its helpline apologising for the delay and promising urgent action to resolve the problem, including bringing in new phone operators. The problem came about, I am told, because of unprecedented and unexpectedly high levels of demand.

MARTIN WALLER



"I think it's something to do with its rarity value"

ALL CLEAR NOW?

bumf *n.* usu. *derog.* papers, documents (often prec. by *what's all this; I'm not signing clause 2, para 4, sub.2.4.6 of this,* etc), for rapid transl.

affidavit *n.* 1 agreeable Welsh farmer 2 written statement produced in court which should be carefully drawn up.

paralegal *n.* 1 one who provides advice at great height (usu. 20,000 feet) 2 wordy legal document with many indented lines 3 a person trained in subsidiary legal matters.

case-law *n.* 1 the principle that a suitcase will always travel in an equal and opposite direction to the aircraft you're in 2 the law as established by the outcome of former cases.

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Cash	958.80	963.60	+0.0031	5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	445.90	474.40	...	1.43
UK Small Cos	96.45	103.15	...	0.60
FTSE 250 Index	117.28	125.42	...	1.89
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Income Funds				
Corp Bd	85.69	88.80	...	6.08
Monthly Inc	46.12	49.32†		7.98
International Funds				
American Gen	357.90	379.50	...	...
American Strat	241.26	258.05		
JG US Index	2764.97	2913.34	-3.0059	4.25
European Gen	479.60	507.20	...	0.08
European Strat	200.68	214.60	...	...
Japan Gen	101.50	107.60		
Asia Pacific	56.34	59.96		1.09
Pacific Strat	84.96	90.85		
Greater China	139.69	148.32		
Latin America	95.34	101.78		
Intl Growth	200.83	214.21	..	0.11
Balanced Exempt	182.50	189.10		1.70
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AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
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General Acc	986.40	1051.00	+7.00	2.02
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UK Growth Acc	680.30	723.70	+3.60	1.36
UK Growth Inc	427.40	454.60	+3.30	1.96
Higher Inc Acc #	1303.00	1386.00	-5.00	4.01
Higher Inc Inc #	659.60	701.70	+2.90	4.01
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	242.10	255.70	-0.70	5.71
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	98.39	103.90	-0.30	5.71
Nth America	512.30	544.90	-1.00	
Europe	645.40	686.50	+5.40	0.41
Brit Excell	135.40	144.00	+0.70	2.01
Brit Frdmtls Acc	173.80	184.80	+0.80	4.08
Brit Frdmtls Inc	109.90	116.90	+0.60	4.08
Global Opps	141.20	150.20	+0.60	0.21
Balanced Acc	84.27	89.64	+0.30	2.06
Balanced Inc	78.46	81.34	+0.27	2.06
Japan Acc	32.95	35.05	+0.19	
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AXA SUN LIFE FUND MGRS LTD				
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UK Income Inc	88.62	94.15†	+0.41	2.13
Extra Inc Inc #	41.74	44.05†	+0.03	5.70
High Yld Inc	130.20	138.50	-0.50	3.91
Inc & Gth Inc	121.90	129.20	+0.60	2.27
UK Smaller Cos	49.36	52.51	+0.10	1.74
Pacific Grth Port	29.69	31.59	-0.39	0.97
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
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Gilts & Fixed Int	147.10	156.00†	-0.10	5.71
High Inc Equity	258.20	276.10†	-0.60	3.75
Worldwide Bond	278.60	295.50†	+0.30	3.56
American Growth	630.30	672.00†	-1.10	0.30
Asian Pacific	173.50	185.80	-0.40	0.87
Assets & Earnings	407.10	435.40†	+1.10	2.34
Euro Capital Acc	340.80	364.50	+3.80	0.20
Extra Inc	43.24	46.00†	+0.11	9.09
General	367.70	391.20†	-1.30	2.47
Global Opps	87.36	92.94	+0.53	0.34
Japan	78.93	84.40	-0.07	
Managed Inc	57.58	61.26†	+0.15	4.16
Mastertrust	211.00	225.70	+0.70	1.06
US Emerging Cos	261.40	279.60	-0.10	
Ethical	107.10	113.90†	+0.80	1.59
International	167.00	178.60	+1.00	0.58
Dividend & Growth	95.50	101.80†	+0.40	3.93
Global Gwth & Sec	81.50	86.97	+0.19	2.00
Latin America	69.37	74.13	+1.05	0.90
Capital Reserve	156.50	156.60	+0.10	4.46
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	133.00	141.40	+0.40	1.39
Equity Income #	185.80	197.60	+0.50	3.26
Extra Income #	343.30	364.30	+0.90	4.24
Smaller Cos	108.70	115.60†	+0.90	1.79
International	158.50	168.60†	+0.80	0.84
ABERDEEN PROLIFIC UT MGRS LTD				
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Amer Opp Acc	412.31	432.74	+0.31	
Emg Mkts Inc	54.40	57.56†	+0.17	0.34
Ethical Inc	98.43	104.15†	-0.20	0.62
Euro Gwth Acc	161.08	169.89	-1.51	..
Euro Spec Opps Acc	167.70	176.13	+0.72	..
Extra Inc Inc	243.91	258.12†	+0.20	3.71
Extra Inc Acc	338.28	357.99	+0.28	3.71
FE Emg Econ	64.61	68.37†	-1.25	0.85
Fixed Int Inc #	30.68	32.20	+0.02	7.55
Frontier Mk Inc	78.37	82.92	-0.07	
Fund Of Inv Inc #	225.16	238.26†	-0.55	8.18
Fund Of Inv Acc	491.66	520.27	+1.21	8.18
Gilt Inc Inc #	50.60	52.74†	+0.01	6.60
Global Bond Inc	41.30	43.09	+0.02	4.77
Global Inc Inc	35.77	37.65†	+0.03	3.17
Global Inc Acc	54.97	57.86	+0.05	3.17
High Inc Inc	182.47	193.10	-0.02	3.61
High Inc Acc	248.10	260.44	-0.03	3.61
Japan Inc	146.96	154.88	+1.82	
Latin Amer Inc	64.38	68.14	+0.65	0.74
Master Inc Inc	70.12	74.19†	-0.01	2.19
Master Gwth Inc	65.44	70.30	-0.68	0.32
North Amer Inc	297.74	311.72†	-0.01	
North Amer Acc	298.10	312.10	+0.02	
Pacific Inc	50.88	53.83	-0.19	0.67
Prop Share Inc	97.20	102.85†	+2.05	1.08
Special Sit Inc	194.73	206.08	-1.15	0.98
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Tech Acc	970.66	1021.31	+5.71	
UK Blue Chip Inc	133.80	141.21	+0.49	2.18
UK Blue Chip Acc	161.07	169.98	+0.58	2.18
UK Emg Co Inc	92.79	100.32†	+0.67	0.60
UK Gwth Inc	82.56	87.38	+0.43	0.97
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American Sm Cos	494.20	524.40	-0.45	0
Bond	123.80	130.20†	-0.15	6.30
Brit Smlr Cos	119.80	127.40	+0.20	1.81
Europe	514.70	546.10	+3.60	..
Euro Smlr Cos	157.60	167.70	+1.25	0.20
High Income #	77.84	82.81	+0.27	4.87
Income	469.90	499.90†	+1.55	3.36
Japan	279.20	295.30		0
Latin American	102.40	108.90†	-0.90	..
Pacific	59.80	63.40	-0.18	1.19
UK Smlr Cos	69.64	74.09	-0.12	0.90
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Mngd Fd	283.20	300.10	+0.65	1.80
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Brit & Dsecs	492.50	520.70		0.67
Capital Gwth	195.60	207.90		2.02
Wwide Opps	277.20	293.20		0.75
BARCLAYS FUNDS LTD				
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Income Funds				
Cash	100.30	100.30†		6.62
Cash Acc	135.50	135.50	-0.10	6.62
Income #	807.70	861.50†	+2.50	3.41
Income Builder #	93.81	99.90	-0.25	3.88
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	127.50	135.70	-0.50	1.05
500	608.80	654.70	-0.10	1.64
General	482.80	516.60	-1.70	1.03
Property	281.80	302.40†		5.81
Trustee	336.30	359.80†	+1.10	1.19
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	215.90	231.00†	-0.80	1.14
FTSE 100	157.60	167.30	-0.40	1.34
Smaller Cos	68.22	72.76	+0.07	1.79
Smaller Cos Acc	82.16	87.64	+0.09	1.79
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	288.70	304.70	-0.70	
American Growth	193.90	205.20	-0.40	
Japan	91.39	96.48	-0.11	
Japan Acc	92.44	97.53	-0.11	
Japan Spec Sits	42.30	44.76	-0.05	..
Worldwide	256.30	272.10†	-1.40	0.54
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income	50.31	52.05†	-0.02	6.33
Mgd Gwth & Inc #	51.70	54.77	-0.10	5
Managed Growth	55.93	59.53	-0.25	0.60
Barclays Global Investors Funds				
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Income Funds				
Distribution #	143.00	143.70†	-0.30	4.53
Equity Income #	158.20	211.60	-0.30	3.41
Gilt & Fxd Int	64.84	66.93	-0.02	6.75
Intl Fxd Int	100.52	104.53†		4.72
Intl Fxd Int Acc	133.10	137.53		4.72
Growth Funds - UK				
UK Growth	625.90	665.90	-2.60	1.05
UK Growth Acc	625.90	665.90	-2.60	1.05
Growth & Inc	634.03	674.50	-3.40	1.16
Growth & Inc Acc	1379	1467	-5.00	1.16
Growth Funds - Overseas				
Euro Growth	337.00	356.60	+4.50	0.43
Euro Growth Acc	359.10	380.53	+4.90	0.43
Far Eastern Gwth	89.62	95.34†	-0.47	1.59
Far East Gth Acc	153.50	163.30	-0.90	1.59
Customer Service Centre 0800 626262				
[illegible]	104.70	105.40	-0.60	
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	240.50	253.90	-0.80	
Amer Smlr Cos	182.70	194.10	-0.50	
Eastern	128.00	136.40	-0.20	0.30
Equity Income #	140.20	149.20	-0.20	3.60
European Growth	734.10	778.40	-6.30	0.40
Europe Select	583.30	609.10	+3.20	0.40
German Growth	190.30	201.20	-1.70	0.50
Global Bond	75.64	79.56†	-0.04	5.10
Global Growth	236.50	250.40	-1.00	0.10
Japan Growth	117.00	123.50	-0.60	
Japan Smlr	63.55	67.37	-0.43	
Korea Trust	26.75	28.48	-2.63	
Portfolio	209.30	220.70	-0.10	1.80
-do- Accum	404.50	429.70	-0.30	1.80
UK Growth	159.30	169.60†	-0.20	1.20
UK Smaller Cos	153.20	165.30	-0.20	1.00
Select Managers	108.90	116.13	+0.30	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	122.60	130.60†		
Special Opps Inc	55.74	59.30		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	216.49	225.51		0.45
-do- Accum	256.90	267.61		0.45
Smaller Cos	215.06	224.02		0.12
-do- Accum	244.57	254.76		0.12
Higher Yield #	82.23	85.71		3.34
-do- Accum #	137.46	143.19		3.34
American Gth Inc	170.90	178.02		
European Growth	289.77	301.81		
-do- Accum	294.95	307.24		
Mngd Ptflo Inc	69.66	72.56		1.32
-do- Accum	73.34	76.40		1.32
Intl Spec Opps	243.90	254.07		
Pacific Gth	86.68	90.29		1.20
UK General #	144.14	150.14†		2.36
-do- Accum #	162.62	169.39		2.36
Japan	39.89	41.55†		
Gilt & Fixed Int #	112.54	116.62	..	6.91
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Chrd Dated Gilt	64.73	65.56		6.38
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	260.10	273.80†	-1.10	1.19
UK Growth	321.30	338.10	-1.20	1.11
UK Income	216.43	227.70		3.04

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	323.60	343.00†	+1.80	0.98
-do- Income Dist	180.40	191.20	+0.80	2.58
-do- Accum	615.30	652.20	+1.90	2.58
Gilt & Fxd Int	44.96	47.23	-0.08	4.80
Growth Units	389.20	415.30	+1.60	1.39
Bond	195.10	205.20		5.50
Intl Growth	276.80	294.50	+1.20	0.11
North American	407.90	431.90†	+1.00	
Far East	148.80	156.88†	-1.40	1.35
UK Smaller Cos	307.80	329.00	+0.40	0.88
European	157.50	167.90†	+1.00	0.38
Japanese Growth	28.41	29.95	+0.01	
High Income	319.00	340.90	+1.10	2.52
Eurogrowth Plus	278.89	298.48	+2.44	0.08
Portfolio	109.72	116.72†	+0.32	1.03
UK Income Inc	133.53	142.05	+0.58	3.33
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7465				
American & Gen	355.30	375.50	-0.20	...
European Inc	174.70	185.30	+0.30	
Smaller Cos (4-1)	125.80	133.90	+0.40	1.52
Growth	816.00	866.10	+7.20	1.35
Income & Growth #	657.10	699.19†	+5.20	3.88
-do- Accum #	1068.00	1137.20	+8.50	3.86
Japan & Gen	47.87	50.59	+0.29	
Hallmark Gwth	1758.00	1832.00†	+5.00	0.99
-do- Accum	2229.00	2322.00	+7.00	0.99
Special Sits	186.20	198.10†	+0.30	1.27
High Yield	2153.00	2239.00	+9.00	3.21
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	128.70	136.63†	+0.02	2.15
American Portfolio	197.84	209.53	+2.67	0.39
European Portfolio	240.62	255.67	+2.93	0.38
High Income	56.51	59.50	+0.08	6.27
Japanese Portfolio	46.17	48.90†	+0.16	
Pacific Portfolio	95.13	102.30	-1.01	1.47
UK Equity	134.36	143.23	+0.06	2.57
UK Equity & Bd	74.07	78.46	+0.01	4.90
UK Smlr Cos	61.72	66.02	+0.04	1.74
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	1069.66	1086.02	...	3.20
Inv Fd Acc	1123.03	1140.01		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	166.64	169.32		7.56
Fxd Int Sec Acc	187.25	188.01		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	1039.16	1054.86		3.30
Investment Acc	5127.65	5205.15		
Fixed Int Inc	139.58	138.12		7.65
Fixed Int Acc	285.85	285.99		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
CF Intl Acc	105.10	110.47		5.59
City Fin Fd	38.82	41.93†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	218.56	232.50†		0.53
City Fin Assets	100.58	105.62	+1.97	2.69
City Fin Intl	93.09	99.03		
Friars Hse Cap	423.70	450.74†	+5.93	2.03
Buckley Wrld Grth	139.74	148.12		
Utilities Fd	100.45	102.30	+0.27	2.54
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	44.16	46.85	-0.03	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Grth	123.38	131.25	+0.07	
Dragon Growth	39.56	42.31	-0.35	1.34
Equity High Inc #	137.62	145.62	+0.15	3.64
-do- Accum #	210.45	222.69	+0.24	3.64
Extra Income Inc	29.29	30.84†	-0.03	5.72
Extra Income Acc	35.31	37.18	-0.03	5.72
European Gwth	123.73	130.93	+1.47	
Evergreen	41.16	44.02	+0.21	
General Equity	157.37	166.09	+0.80	1.77
Japan Growth	32.81	34.90	+0.13	
Pedigree Grth	102.19	108.73	+0.15	1.22
Pref Sm Cos Inc	50.15	53.07	-0.06	1.19
-do- Accum	54.22	57.38	-0.09	1.19
Retirement Inc #	38.93	41.42	-0.06	4.27
Special Sits	68.95	71.89	+0.13	1.83
UK & Overseas	83.09	87.92	+0.37	0.76
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	94.79	98.73	+0.45	2.83
Capital	119.49	124.46	+0.32	1.56
High Income	57.98	60.39	+0.01	6.31
Top 50	89.21	92.92	+0.18	1.53
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 8618				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	269.34	280.58	+1.39	3.61
Long Gilt	53.28	55.46†	-0.16	4.71
Monthly Inc Plus	63.45	66.10	-0.04	6.79
-do- Accum	79.35	82.66	-0.05	6.78
Preference Share	62.55	65.16†	-0.06	5.98
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	191.08	199.04†	+0.35	4.84
Managed Fund	95.81	99.81	+0.31	2.48
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	55.76	58.09	+0.15	1.09
-do- Accum	67.23	70.04	+0.17	1.09
UK & General	142.73	148.69	+0.66	1.88
-do- Accum	192.44	200.48	+0.90	1.86
UK Growth	283.76	295.61	-1.20	1.19
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	403.19	420.03	+4.07	
Far Eastern Grth	84.01	87.52	-0.33	0.38
Global Bond	72.37	75.39	-0.02	5.09
Japan Growth	80.91	84.29	+0.43	
North Amer Grth	382.21	398.18	-0.51	
Oriental Growth	47.81	49.81	-0.51	1.31
Worldwide Growth	99.41	103.56	+0.31	..
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.98	92.96	+0.04	6.75
Homemaker Fund	119.33	128.98	+0.30	1.81
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Consistent UT	49.53	52.82		2.44
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	229.60	243.80	+0.50	1.94
UK Eqty Inc	98.73	104.92†	-1.58	3.33
European Growth	133.60	141.59	-0.60	
UK Spec Sits	247.00	262.80	+1.30	1.40
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1373.00	1394.00†	..	3.03
CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	119.30	125.40†	+0.80	
Fellowship Tst	139.60	148.80	+0.70	0.90
Income #	398.60	424.20	+1.60	3.25
-do- Accum #	1118.00	1189.00	+5.00	
Smaller Cos	281.80	298.70†	+1.50	0.39
-do- Accum	353.40	375.90	+1.80	
Gilt Portfolio	143.10	152.20	-0.90	1.00
Mthly Inc Port #	117.00	124.40	+0.50	3.14
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1951.00	1951.60		0.48
UK Small Cos	2530.70	2622.30		3.37
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8818				
Disc Inc	303.60	313.00		
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers:0171 956 7354 Client Helpline:0800 317573				
Formerly KBUT				
Amer Smlr Cos	248.96	264.85	-0.39	
Asian Growth	151.50	161.17	-0.20	0.40
Bond Income	111.87	115.87†	+0.04	6.25
European	345.97	368.05†	+4.10	0.12
European Priv	163.70	174.14†	+1.68	0.67
European Special	248.55	264.41†	+3.27	0.30
Gilt Yield	131.31	138.53	-0.18	6.10
Global Eqty Inc	161.98	171.90	+0.91	1.36
High Yield #	231.56	246.34†	+2.05	3.87
Japan	283.62	301.93	+1.34	..
Japanese Special	136.10	144.78	+1.15	..
Money Market	105.61	105.61	-0.04	
North American	188.18	200.05	-0.52	
Smaller Cos	179.42	190.87†	+0.28	0.75
Smlr Cos Div ‡				
Tomorrows Co Ex	1419.00	1438.00	+7.00	0.11
UK Index Inc	500.26	502.77	+4.49	2.46
Global Income	280.35	298.73	+1.27	3.02
Formerly Thornton				
Eurocap	565.49	613.07	+7.66	0.31
Europe Bd	39.75	41.39	+0.10	6.97
Exempt	1028.58	1071.03†	-2.59	1.73
Global Em Mkts	68.30	71.51	-0.09	0.50
Japan Tst	61.95	64.86†	-0.06	
Little Dragons	53.49	56.01†	-0.20	
Oriental Income #	30.87	32.32	-0.08	3.94
Preference	161.32	168.92	-0.27	7.82
Tiger	151.41	158.54†	-0.04	..
UK Growth	988.61	1035.19	+2.99	1.25
UK High Yield #				
UK Mid-Cap	526.06	550.84	-3.59	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Dv #				
UK Smlr Cos	164.36	172.10	+0.67	0.01
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
European	105.70	112.00	+0.20	
Financial	91.00	96.69	+0.09	1.03
UK Growth #	431.90	458.90	+1.10	1.97
UK Income #	257.40	273.50	+0.50	3.11
Latin American	33.57	35.63	-0.59	
Mngd Gwth Port	116.60	121.80	-0.20	0.57
Pacific	54.18	57.57	-0.74	
Pref High Inc	27.64	29.37†	-0.01	6.13
Tokyo	140.80	148.30	-0.10	
UK Smaller Cos	328.40	348.90	+0.90	1.00
Japan Sm Cos	230.30	243.80	-0.20	
Nth Amer	721.10	762.30†	-1.50	
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Growth Acc	394.60	415.40†		0.16
Income	748.29	787.60		3.94
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	287.40	305.70		0.65
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	164.75	173.42†	+1.27	1.15
Ethical Tst	63.63	66.98	-0.14	0.34
Far Eastern	196.99	207.36†	-0.94	3.22
High Income	204.55	215.32	-0.54	3.45
UK Index Trckng	79.66	83.85	-0.07	2.00
Intl Growth	148.71	156.54	-0.24	1.24
North American	217.36	228.80	-0.98	1.40
Pelican	211.38	222.51	+0.16	2.04
Smaller Cos	82.84	87.20†	-0.01	1.78
Special Sits	107.70	113.37	-0.34	2.49
Tst of Inv Tsts	283.61	298.54	-1.18	1.34
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	196.74	208.74	+0.56	0.56
Fd of Inv Tsts	71.93	76.32†	-0.21	0.50
High Income #	51.86	54.99†	+0.39	5.47
War & Gl Opps	69.54	74.45	+0.23	
Zero Preference	52.20	55.38†	-0.08	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	149.70	159.20†	-0.60	1.72
Charities Eth	407.70	433.00	-1.70	2.12
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.90	100.60	..	6.90
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond ‡	25.99	‡	+0.01	4.67
Income Funds				
High Income	34.88	36.56†	-0.05	4.30
Income Plus #	204.00	217.30	-0.80	3.52
Moneybuilder Grwth #	48.28	48.62	-0.15	2.76
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	20.10	21.45	-0.05	
American	601.60	637.70	+4.70	
Amer Spec Sits	276.80	294.90	-0.10	
European	408.43	434.50	+3.73	3.24
European Opps	160.50	170.60	+1.70	0.33
Global Priv	51.03	54.36	-0.23	0.15
UK Growth	187.10	199.60	-0.40	..
Growth & Inc #	275.40	292.90	+1.00	2.71
Intl FEP	73.760	78.453	+0.41	3.88
Japan Spec Sits	59.73	62.66	-0.36	
Japan	147.70	156.29	+0.90	
Managed Intl	542.00	574.90	+4.00	0.52
Moneybuilder Pfts	93.80	94.47†	-0.11	3.27

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Recovery	77.250	82.140	+0.07	2.24
South E Asia	122.90	130.98	-1.80	1.60
Special Sits	1105.00	1177.00	+3.00	0.98
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	128.54	128.54	+0.06	6.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	188.20	190.10		1.45
Foxbury Prf Inc #	118.30	119.30	+0.20	5.33
Cap Pfolio	232.10	233.60	+0.30	0.21
General Opps	192.90	194.30		3.08
Growth Inc	55.94	56.67	+0.16	0.97
Private Portfolio	687.50	692.50	..	1.13
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Advl 01277 690 360				
Euro Smlr Cos	261.90	278.10	-0.30	
High Income	25.03	26.55†	+0.16	6.47
UK Smlr Cos	37.22	33.61†	+0.09	1.75
US Smaller Cos	613.60	651.60	-0.80	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	141.10	148.40	+1.30	..
-do- Accum	141.10	149.40	+1.30	...
Amer Smllr Cos	877.20	932.10	+0.90	..
-do- Accum	898.20	952.30	+1.00	...
Capital Tst	480.40	511.10		1.28
-do- Accum	717.50	763.30		1.28
Const Smllr Cos	98.00	104.80†	+1.10	
-do- Accum	105.20	112.40†	+1.10	..
Convertible	165.10	175.60†	-1.70	5.83
-do- Accum	391.70	416.70†	-3.80	5.83
Emerging Markets	50.25	53.69	+0.28	0.07
-do- Accum	50.68	54.15	+0.28	0.07
European	276.20	292.40	+3.50	
-do- Accum	293.60	311.00	+3.80	
Extra Income	538.70	573.10†	+0.80	3.99
-do- Accum	913.90	972.20†	+1.20	3.99
Financial	318.50	338.40	+1.70	0.38
-do- Accum	342.00	363.60	+1.70	0.38
Gilt Trust	64.01	66.00	-0.06	6.69
-do- Accum	108.30	111.70	-0.10	6.69
Health Fund Inc	289.00	303.20	+1.80	
-do- Accum	289.00	303.20	+1.90	
Income & Growth	315.00	335.10	+0.70	3.05
-do- Accum	551.00	584.90	+1.40	3.05
Intl Growth	578.40	615.00	+5.00	
-do- Accum	642.30	683.00	+5.60	
Japan & Gen	115.60	122.20	+0.80	
-do- Accum	116.70	123.30	+0.70	
Monthly Inc #	273.10	290.50†	-1.10	3.81
-do- Accum #	290.30	308.80†	-1.20	3.81
Managed Port Inc	152.90	160.90	+0.70	1.52
-do- Accum	170.30	179.30	+0.80	1.52
Quarterly Income #	73.75	78.73	+0.34	4.50
-do- Accum #	90.87	97.02	+0.44	4.50
UK Growth	93.35	99.31†	+0.50	1.20
-do- Accum	104.60	111.30†	+0.60	1.20
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	180.20	186.40	+0.20	
FP Am Smllr Cos	246.90	263.30	-1.00	
FP Asian Growth	135.20	144.20†	+0.20	
FP Australian	418.60	446.50	-9.20	
FP Equity Dist	678.40	723.60	+2.40	1.32
-do- Accum	1560.00	1664.00	+6.00	1.32
FP Euro Gth	582.10	599.50	+7.30	..
-do- Accum	615.80	655.80	+8.00	
FP Intl Bond	59.11	62.55	+0.08	3.95
FP Intl Gth Dist	54.79	58.44	+0.30	
-do- Accum	80.77	86.15	+0.44	
FP Pac Basin Acc	156.20	166.60	-0.90	0.05
FP Income #	83.52	89.08†	+0.19	3.85
-do- Accum #	316.10	337.10	+0.70	3.85
FP Jap Smllr Cos	163.90	174.80		
FP Monthly Dist #	96.65	103.00†	+0.20	4.45
FP Stlg Deposit	100.30	100.30†		6.58
FP Tokyo	64.68	68.97	-0.05	
FP UK Focus	83.57	87.80	+0.16	0.92
FP UK Growth	297.10	316.90†	+1.00	0.86
-do- Accum	619.90	661.20	+2.00	0.86
Stewardship Dist	553.50	590.40	+0.40	1.28
-do- Accum	713.50	761.00	+0.40	1.28
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	88.05	93.92	-0.10	3.88
-do- Accum #	130.60	139.30	-0.10	3.88
Swdshp Intnl	195.20	208.20†	+0.20	
-do- Accum	210.60	224.60	+0.30	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	147.10	147.80†	+0.40	2.14
Inst Ethical Ac #	152.90	153.60	+0.30	2.14
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	178.00	189.30	-0.20	0.37
Open Cap Gth Acc	174.40	185.50	+0.20	
Cap Gth Inc Inc	153.90	163.70	-0.20	2.74
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	168.60	179.30	-0.30	2.74
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	157.00	167.00	-0.10	3.08
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	175.10	186.20	-0.20	3.08
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 109/7				
GANDA	426.90	451.50	+1.00	1.03
Cash	49.83	50.58	+0.02	6.30
Income Portfolio	100.50	105.89	+0.30	2.41
GA Equity Gth	311.80	331.70	+0.80	0.82
GA European Gth	233.90	247.90	+1.70	
GA Japan Gth	74.55	78.79	-0.40	..
GA Nth Amer Gth	389.10	409.60	+2.80	
GA Intl Gth	168.50	179.00	+0.50	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smll Cos	295.90	316.10	-1.00	0.11
European Gth	1244.00	1319.00	+12.00	0.13
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	72.46	76.70	+0.44	2.42
-do- Accum	85.20	90.17	+0.51	2.42
High Yield #	56.58	59.78	-0.06	6.56
-do- Accum #	69.26	73.17	-0.08	6.55
Income Inc	273.80	292.90	-0.50	2.82
-do- Accum	327.80	350.60	-0.60	2.82
Intl Growth	454.80	481.80	+2.39	1.71
Intl Income	144.60	152.90†	+1.50	2.42
Japan Growth	404.50	429.10	-0.40	0.03
Orient Acc	108.30	115.40	-0.50	0.26
UK Blue Chip Inc	288.90	309.00	+0.70	0.96
UK Blue Chip Acc	524.60	561.10	+1.30	0.98
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	100.60	107.60	+0.10	1.08
US Growth	314.70	332.70	+1.10	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	83.21	88.84	+0.36	1.35
Practical Inv Inc #	162.91	174.24	+0.21	2.76
-do- Accum #	406.82	435.10	+0.51	2.76
UK Index	266.87	268.01	+1.00	2.34
UK Smaller Cos	291.69	311.97	+6.22	1.07
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.60	27.56†	+0.08	6.86
High Income	50.64	53.98	+0.01	3.61
UK Growth & Inc	231.51	246.89	+0.01	2.65
Global Bond	27.84	28.86†		5.30
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	41.69	44.59	+0.46	
Global Managed	185.19	198.39	+0.89	0.84
Gold & Intl Res	67.18	71.85†	-0.56	..
Global Utilities	247.42	263.10†	+1.70	1.13
Overseas Funds				
American	298.89	316.17†	+0.91	
European	259.98	268.77	+3.60	0.47
Euro Sel Opps	421.90	448.69	+6.29	
Amer Emerging	230.69	245.78	-1.57	
Hong Kong	101.14	107.94	-1.57	3.37
Japan	135.40	144.27†	+0.66	
Pacific Growth	127.56	136.36†	-0.23	1.44
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	159.56	159.56†	+0.07	6.88
Managed Equity	354.75	354.75†	+7.28	1.25
Long Term Bal	361.14	361.14†	+4.86	2.21
Med Term Bal	295.18	295.18†	+2.83	2.89
UK Equity	448.56	448.56	+1.87	1.06
UK Emerging Cos	207.70	207.70†	+0.59	1.90
American	513.85	513.85	+1.65	0.21
Japan	87.04	87.04	+0.35	
European	650.67	650.67	+9.57	0.68
Index Linked Gilt	229.12	229.12†	+0.83	2.30
Fixed Interest	214.14	214.14	-0.29	6.13
Amer Emergs	516.28	516.28	+3.00	
Pacific	114.94	114.94†	-0.55	1.85
Emerging Mkts	121.83	121.83	+1.11	1.02
Indx Strat Japan	92.54	92.54†	+0.47	0.46
-do- Pacific Rim	101.00	101.00†	-1.62	3.83
-do- Cont Europe	343.49	343.49†	-3.91	1.10
Index Strat USA	320.89	320.89†	-0.25	0.88
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	163.62	176.19	+1.32	
Med Term Bal	141.43	150.46	+1.44	
Long Term Bal	163.26	173.67	+0.75	
UK Equity	207.86	221.13	-1.55	
UK Emerging Cos	98.32	104.59	-0.40	
American	239.28	254.55	+0.97	
Japan	41.44	44.09	-0.05	
European	271.66	288.99	+4.10	
Fixed Interest	112.16	119.32	-0.18	..
Index Linked Gilt	102.52	109.06	-0.01	
Deposit	97.34	103.55	-0.05	
Brokers Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	194.18	204.40	+1.40	0.42
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
BAM Sterling Management 0171 493 8990				
Intl Gwth Inc ‡	921.36		+1.10	0.52
-do- Accum ‡	1045.84		+1.25	0.52
European Gth Inc ‡	282.30		+3.69	0.96
Amalgam Inc	216.49	228.40	+0.43	
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡	684.44		+1.45	
Far East Gth Inc ‡	223.03		-1.54	0.33
-do- Accum ‡	232.75		-1.61	0.33
UK Dvld Inc ‡	276.90		-1.04	1.31
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 825 5806				
European	1037.00	1107.00†	+15.00	
Gilt & Fxed	146.90	155.80	-0.13	4.83
Growth Equity	589.20	629.40	-3.43	0.89
Income Trust	219.00	233.90	-0.70	3.26
International	277.70	296.60	+1.70	
Japan Trust	86.65	92.29†	-0.72	
Nth American	545.20	582.45	-3.23	
Pacific	289.58	309.29	-2.50	1.43
Guardian	295.50	313.90	-5.00	0.97
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	161.48	170.53	-0.24	4.37
Global High Inc	91.22	94.66	-0.37	4.31
Stlg Bond Pflo	117.06	121.50†	-0.20	5.53
Cautious Mgd Pflo	149.48	158.93†	-0.30	3.92
European Pflo	234.16	248.54	+3.94	
World Mkts Pflo	106.42	113.23	-3.88	
UK Eq Inc Pflo	206.45	219.51	-1.23	2.45
Balanced Pflo	229.84	245.13	-1.99	2.62
UK Opps	576.10	612.60	-1.30	2.04
-do- Accum	711.10	756.10	-1.50	2.04
St Mrkt High Inc	174.48	177.09	-2.11	4.45
UK Emerg Cos	318.50	338.60	-0.25	3.28
Inst UK Sm Cos	386.40	402.30	-3.25	4.04
Glob Priv Tst	177.67	190.90	-1.16	1.16
-do- Accum	186.51	[illegible]	-1.21	1.16
Int Chest Tst	131.03	139.38	-3.47	6.43
HK & China Tst	58.56	62.75	-0.75	1.67
Blue Chip Pflo	361.66	384.53	+1.48	0.99
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	75.93	80.52†	-0.08	2.76
Balanced Acc	84.86	89.99	-0.09	2.76
Growth	85.56	90.81	-0.12	1.26
Growth Acc	85.66	90.91	-0.12	1.26
Income	44.21	46.89†	-0.05	2.97
Income Acc	50.06	53.06	-0.09	2.97
Accumulation Tst	43.30	47.66	+0.16	2.22
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Perf Acc	62.35	67.22	-0.15	2.76
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	554.84	572.77	-2.92	
Best of Brits	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.46	1.45
UK Smaller Cos	229.74	240.56	-1.30	0.24
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	429.19	457.77	-2.76	2.15
-do- Accum #	1372.30	1457.55	-8.26	2.15
High Income	421.62	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Extra Income #	401.73	427.77	-2.67	4.52
Pref & Bond	60.15	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.55
International				
Ethical	160.95	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.46
International	413.47	445.03	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Bond	52.59	55.76	[illegible]	5.37
Intl Port Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.41	
Global Tech	352.84	374.82	[illegible]	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	130.82	139.67	-0.98	1.19
Europe	1152.18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Income #	154.71	167.51	[illegible]	2.00
Euro Smlr Cos	329.15	351.97	-3.71	
European Value	148.55	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	160.54	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Trust	124.97	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Smlr Cos	158.93	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific Smlr Cos	152.79	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	527.63	552.48†	-2.35	
American Smaller	264.15	280.74	-0.57	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 530053				
British	187.43	196.27	+0.67	1.41
Capital	284.66	298.07	+1.09	0.81
Dollar	831.05	870.21	+1.66	
Enterprise Gth	627.62	657.20	+1.13	0.47
European	486.48	509.40†	+3.78	
Far East	158.35	165.81	-0.86	1.24
Financial	1728.08	1803.51	+1.02	0.96
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.97	30.13†	-0.01	5.29
High Yield	160.91	168.49†	+0.26	3.56
Income & Growth	241.68	253.08	+0.69	3.15
International	416.34	435.98†	+1.92	0.20
Japanese General	146.44	153.34	+0.67	
Japan Tech	66.67	69.81	+0.31	
Nat Resources	55.11	57.70	-0.17	1.03
Portfolio	113.86	119.23	+0.33	2.18
Special Sits	304.17	318.50	+0.89	1.04
UK Emerging Cos	146.47	153.38	-0.16	1.12
US Smaller Cos	205.04	214.70†	-1.38	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	913.50	974.90†	+4.20	3.75
UK Growth	1035	1103	+6.00	1.18
High Income #	162.90	173.80	+0.30	4.94
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	983.90	1039	+1.00	
European Gwth	289.80	308.40	+3.40	
Japan Gwth	208.60	221.70	+1.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	18.31	19.54	+0.07	
Asian	28.96	30.91	-0.24	0.65
Sing & Malay Gwth	26.56	28.35	+0.43	
Hong Kong Gwth	113.30	120.70	-1.70	2.43
Global Bond	20.97	22.09†		4.65
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	248.80	250.10†	+1.10	2.08
Trade Index	153.50	157.80	+0.30	2.04
THE FOOTSIE FUND	101.60	102.10†	+0.40	1.63
Index Funds-International				
American Index	482.70	485.10	-0.30	0.36
Eurotrack 100	354.80	356.80	+4.70	0.66
Japan Index	43.19	48.44	+0.33	0.38
Tiger Index	75.52	77.24	+0.62	2.09
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.01	57.45	+0.23	1.24
General Funds				
Managed Dist	120.00	125.30	+0.40	0.98
Managed	125.50	131.10	+0.40	0.98
Rupert Child Fnd	163.40	170.40	+0.80	0.92
UK Growth	100.30	104.80	+0.50	0.98
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	123.00	128.50†	+0.40	4.12
Gilt & Fixed Int #	29.49	30.47†	-0.01	7.16
UK Inc & Gwth	71.02	74.17	+0.16	1.97
UK Income #	552.70	577.20	+1.80	3.00
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	93.73	98.96	+0.27	
Amer Smlr Cos	213.50	222.00†	+1.40	
-do- Accum	215.70	224.40†	+1.50	...
Europa Gth	498.00	511.00	+3.40	
-do- Accum	507.60	529.30	+2.50	
Euro Smaller Cos	85.23	88.74	+0.35	
French Growth	168.00	174.10	+0.40	0.36
-do- Accum	181.60	189.40	+0.30	0.36
H Kong & China	73.06	78.13	-1.11	2.06
Intl Growth	92.86	96.60	+0.34	0.47
-do- Accum	94.75	98.57	+0.35	0.47
Japan Gth	19.64	20.47†	+0.11	..
-do- Accum	19.64	20.47†	+0.11	..
Japan Smaller Cos	20.36	21.25	+0.11	
Glob Emg Mkts	80.69	84.27†	-0.27	0.04
-do- Accum	81.74	85.37†	-0.28	0.04
SE Asia	155.50	162.40	-1.20	1.45
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	51.10	52.70	-0.15	5.46
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407				
UK Income #	167.20	178.90	+0.70	2.41
UK Growth	175.50	185.70	+0.70	0.74
European Gwth	166.70	177.10†	+2.30	0.14
Slater Growth	271.10	286.90	+1.60	1.46
New Japan	63.29	67.18	-0.08	
Global Growth	130.30	138.00	+1.20	
Monthly Inc #	98.26	104.05†	+0.56	7.50
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	157.50	167.50†	+1.40	
Income #	310.41	330.21†	+0.52	3.48
UK Growth	122.78	130.61†	+0.32	1.35
Intl Growth	116.01	123.24	-0.09	
Ecology	140.25	149.19	-0.18	0.55
European	348.59	367.77†	+2.58	0.33
Far Eastern	227.30	241.70†	-1.20	
UK Special Sits	82.35	87.63	+0.33	0.25
Fd of Inv Tsts	70.44	75.13	+0.19	
High Income #	71.41	76.16	+0.26	4.20
Financial Opps	81.32	86.73	+0.39	0.46
Growth & Income #	58.75	63.72	+0.32	2.26
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 568 8800				
Bridge Income #	442.92	471.19	+1.68	3.77
Esk Growth	152.27	161.99		8.42
Inc & Growth	104.15	110.80†	+0.27	2.81

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	133.79	142.33	+1.07	1.19
Ever Spec Sit Inc	72.67	77.52	+0.23	1.65
Ever Spec Sit Acc	77.82	82.57	+0.25	1.65
Pennine Growth	62.98	67.00	+0.18	1.92
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	642.60	681.80	+2.60	1.24
UK Inc/Gth #	673.00	714.10	+1.50	3.82
UK Income #	472.70	501.50	+0.90	3.93
UK Income Acc #	489.30	519.10	+1.00	3.93
UK Sm Cos	372.90	388.80	+1.00	1.76
Euro Gwth	280.90	298.10	+2.80	0.23
N Amer Gwth	174.70	184.60	-0.50	
Pacific Growth	5.22	5.54	+0.04	0.32
Emg Mkts Gwth	65.79	69.80	-0.05	
Japan Growth	43.84	46.51	-0.26	
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	93.33	98.70		0.47
Gwth Port Acc	95.34	100.82	+0.21	0.46
Inc Port Inc	85.92	90.86†	...	3.00
Inc Port Acc	100.84	106.63†		2.84
Wwide Port	72.49	76.66		
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683512				
Equity Dist	869.60	869.60	-3.40	1.59
-do- Accum	1845.00	1845.00	-7.00	1.59
Equity Income #	136.90	136.90†	-0.20	3.67
UK Tactical Alloctn	97.23	97.23†	-0.55	3.96
European	254.80	254.80	+3.10	0.04
Far Eastern	145.20	145.20	-0.10	1.13
Fixed Interest	60.34	60.34†	-0.08	6.68
Gilt	100.80	100.80†	-0.18	5.45
Global Growth	100.70	100.70†	-0.76	0.04
Intl Bond	49.63	49.63	-0.05	5.02
Japanese	52.11	52.11	-0.19	1.73
North American	349.70	349.70	-0.80	0.07
Pacific Growth	64.52	64.52†	0.17	1.70
Pacific Index	26.05	26.05	-0.41	3.65
UK Index	114.70	114.70†	+0.50	2.23
UK Recovery	159.70	158.70†	-0.60	1.08
UK Smaller Cos	212.70	212.70†	-0.80	0.58
US Index	129.80	129.80†	-0.10	0.46
European Index	164.40	164.40	+1.80	0.73
Japan Index	25.26	25.26	+0.14	0.04
Worldwide	131.90	131.90†	+0.60	0.95
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	82.36	88.08	+0.13	1.95
Income	93.69	100.20†	+0.20	3.42
Far East	26.45	28.29	-0.04	0.92
North American	195.70	207.90	+0.70	
Global	113.70	120.70	-0.70	0.32
European	158.20	169.83	-1.50	0.23
Japan	62.65	66.76†	+0.32	
Intl Currency Bd	56.45	58.82	+0.01	4.60
SE Asia	46.99	50.25	-0.75	1.48
UK Cap Growth	149.90	159.30	+0.90	1.53
Recovery Trust	108.70	115.30	-0.40	2.94
Managed	88.18	94.31	-3.29	1.26
Cash	51.38	51.38	+0.03	6.62
LLOYDS TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
0845 3002244				
American	511.17	546.92	+0.11	
-do- Accum	553.03	585.80	-0.12	
Bal Growth	187.57	198.42	+2.08	1.11
-do- Accum	238.37	252.25	+2.64	1.11
European	223.87	236.92	+0.27	
-do- Accum	233.11	246.65	+0.29	
Extra Income #	308.65	326.51	+0.32	3.57
-do- Accum #	597.02	631.87	+0.62	3.57
Smaller Cos	126.95	133.78	-3.20	0.98
-do- Accum	173.75	183.96	3.71	0.98
General	527.53	558.20†	+1.37	1.50
-do- Accum	1163.81	1234.37†	+3.03	1.50
Preference Income	56.17	59.19†	-0.02	5.32
-do- Accum	155.75	161.72†	+0.05	5.32
High Income #	98.16	103.51†	+0.16	3.38
-do- Accum #	143.67	151.58†	+0.24	3.38
Income #	537.75	570.72†	+1.34	3.17
-do- Accum #	1363.36	1443.05†	+3.28	3.17
Pacific	230.32	243.73†	+2.49	0.22
-do- Accum	242.01	256.09†	+2.60	0.22
International	302.34	320.41	+2.69	0.11
-do- Accum	1194.65	1264.39	+3.93	0.11
Intl Income	68.45	72.31	-0.03	3.83
-do- Accum	80.07	84.66	-0.02	3.83
Nat Resources	118.06	124.93	-0.23	0.64
-do- Accum	129.91	137.37	-0.25	0.64
World Opps	195.77	207.12	+0.72	1.18
-do- Accum	260.96	276.15	-3.96	1.18
Environmental Inv	133.57	141.00	+0.30	0.89
-do- Accum	151.44	160.76	+0.41	0.89
Selector	107.04	113.27	+0.24	1.44
-do- Accum	126.94	134.32	+0.28	1.33
Corporate Income	29.32	31.57	-0.10	3.32
-do- Accum	117.81	124.67	+0.13	3.32
UK Growth Inc	97.32	102.99	-0.18	1.20
-do- Accum	102.03	108.02	-0.18	1.20
UK Income Inc #	79.16	84.60	+0.48	3.57
-do- Accum #	32.22	37.27	+0.78	3.57
Global Gilt Inc	32.92	34.10	+0.17	0.30
-do- Accum	90.75	95.74	+0.11	0.30
Other Unit Trusts within Lloyds TSB group				
Scottish Wid Unit Tst Mgrs Ltd				
Helpdesk 01634 834000 Dealing 01634 834313				
Balanced	539.50	577.10	+1.30	1.64
-do- Accum	1478.50	1562.10	+3.00	1.64
Cont Euro Gth	137.32	144.82	+1.29	0.02
-do- Accum	146.60	155.39	+1.29	0.02
Extra Inc #	415.35	445.43	+5.90	3.43
Extra Inc Acc #	1210.30	1288.10	+2.00	3.43

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FTSE 100 Inc	190.20	202.40	-1.00	1.47
FTSE 100 Acc	202.60	215.80	-1.10	1.47
German Gth	262.50	278.40	+3.19	0.08
-do- Accum	275.30	288.80	+3.19	0.08
Growth Port	924.10	983.10	+2.30	0.44
-do- Accum	973.30	1038.00	+3.00	0.44
High Interest Inc	112.60	116.70†	+0.10	6.45
High Interest Acc	131.80	136.60	+0.10	6.45
HI Reserve Inc #	138.80	145.70	+0.20	4.69
HI Reserve Acc #	161.60	172.00	+0.20	4.69
Income Inc #	819.20	871.50	+2.00	2.91
Income Acc #	2438.00	2584.00	+5.00	2.91
Income Port	761.30	809.90	-3.40	3.56
-do- Accum	905.70	963.60	-4.10	3.56
Japan Growth	75.71	80.55	-0.10	...
-do- Accum	75.97	80.82	-0.12	...
Master Trust	88.97	94.65†	+0.20	1.16
-do- Accum	106.10	112.90	+0.20	1.16
Millennium Acc	137.80	146.60		1.54
N American Gen	473.30	439.70	+2.10	0.59
-do- Accum	478.40	509.00	+2.60	0.60
Nthn Sm Co Rec	249.70	265.70	-0.80	
-do- Accum	254.50	271.20	-0.90	
Pacific Basin	132.30	140.80	-2.20	0.98
-do- Accum	142.60	151.80	-2.40	0.98
Safety First Acc	126.90	133.60	+0.30	1.20
-do- until 19/3/99 ‡	119.15			
Small Cos Rec	601.90	633.60	+0.40	2.06
-do- Accum	851.10	895.90	+0.60	2.06
UK Eq Gth	248.70	262.50	+0.50	1.88
UK Eq Inc #	193.40	205.80	+0.50	2.94
UK Growth	155.70	165.70†	+0.80	1.26
-do- Accum	200.70	213.60	+0.58	1.26
Worldwide Gth	505.30	537.60†	+2.90	0.35
-do- Accum	747.90	795.70	+4.30	0.35
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
General	161.87	173.68	+0.53	1.98
Income	108.47	116.38	+0.27	3.80
International	97.34	104.44†	+0.56	0.50
Tst of Inv Trusts	101.70	109.11	+0.12	0.80
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Srvs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
American	697.80	736.60	-1.40	0.54
-do- Accum	876.60	925.40	-1.70	0.54
Amer Recovery	795.20	839.70	-8.40	0.27
-do- Accum	920.60	972.10	-9.70	0.27
Amer Smlr Cos	186.40	196.70†	-1.10	
-do- Accum	190.50	201.00†	-1.10	
Australasian	189.00	199.50	-3.30	2.14
-do- Accum	244.00	258.20	-4.20	2.14
Blue Chip #	101.90	102.50†	+0.44	3.07
-do- Accum #	318.60	320.22†	+1.37	3.07
British Opps	76.40	80.80	+0.10	2.35
-do- Accum	277.90	293.90	+0.40	2.35
Capital	1276.40	1349.80	+3.60	2.19
-do- Accum	1574.40	1665.00	+4.50	2.19
Charifund #	1127.40	1138.70	+1.50	4.28
-do- Accum #	6344.10	6407.80	+8.20	4.28
Commodity	320.60	339.00	-1.40	1.16
-do- Accum	475.90	503.20	-2.10	1.16
Corporate Bond	29.60	29.73†	-0.04	6.00
Dividend	81.10	84.60		3.83
-do- Accum	291.40	308.50		3.83
Equity Income #	438.50	461.60	+1.20	4.36
-do- Accum #	646.60	683.90	+1.80	4.36
European	1089.70	1152.40†	+10.00	0.27
-do- Accum	1410.90	1492.10†	+12.90	0.27
Euro Dividend #	130.30	137.80†	+1.00	2.62
-do- Accum #	174.90	185.00†	+1.30	2.62
Euro Smlr Cos	87.50	92.50	+0.40	
-do- Accum	87.80	92.80	+0.40	
Extra Income #	660.30	698.30	+0.90	4.26
-do- Accum #	2357.80	2493.60	+3.40	4.26
Fund of Inv Tsts	906.50	958.60	-2.00	0.78
-do- Accum	1785.50	1888.20	+4.00	0.78
Gilt Income	70.76	70.87	-0.10	5.30
-do- Accum	235.17	235.52	-0.35	5.30
Gold	35.70	37.70†		0.51
-do- Accum	43.30	45.70†	-0.10	0.51
High Interest	25.28	25.28	+0.03	7.25
Income #	46.70	49.40†		3.71
-do- Accum #	214.60	227.20†	+0.20	3.71
Intl Growth	106.80	112.90	+0.50	0.83
-do- Accum	180.20	201.10	+0.90	0.83
International Inc #	147.00	155.50	+0.30	3.47
-do- Accum #	246.80	261.00	+0.40	3.47
Japan	23.40	24.60		..
-do- Accum	25.10	26.40		
Japan Smlr Cos	87.40	92.30	+0.10	
-do- Accum	88.00	93.00	+0.10	
Managed Grth @	33.80	34.11†	+0.10	1.13
Managed Income #	39.70	40.07†	+0.07	3.82
Pension Ex	1546.50	1585.30	+4.70	2.66
Recovery	64.00	67.70†	+0.20	2.44
-do- Accum	115.10	121.90†	+0.40	2.44
Smaller Cos	80.30	84.90	+0.30	1.75
-do- Accum	172.80	182.70	+0.70	1.75
Sth East Asia	201.80	213.20	-0.50	2.83
-do- Accum	273.70	289.60	-0.60	2.83
Trustee #	59.30	62.70	+0.10	4.00
-do- Accum #	273.20	289.00	+0.50	4.00
UK Equity #	92.50	97.80†	+0.20	3.30
-do- Accum #	267.70	283.60†	+0.60	3.30
UK Growth	1632.30	1726.20	+5.70	1.37
-do- Accum	1859.80	1967.80	+6.50	1.37
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	186.81	198.52	+2.12	0.38
Intl Bond	62.85	66.02	+0.09	3.57
Intl Equity Growth	114.57	121.56	+0.55	0.53
N Amer Growth	212.47	225.27	+0.67	0.32
Special Sits Growth	41.60	44.25	+0.22	1.44
UK Growth	676.41	718.58	+2.90	1.82
-do- Accum	961.16	1022.51	+4.13	1.82
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01520 826867				
Balanced Fd #	1636.90	1689.20	..	2.90
Income #	1371.60	1393.50†		3.70
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	218.70	221.50†		3
MANEK INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0171 615 7070				
Growth Fd Acc	116.70	124.50†	+0.90	
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	109.50	112.90	+0.10	5.89
Investment Pflo	238.60	246.00†	+0.30	1.57
-do- Accum	293.80	302.80†	+0.30	1.57
UK Select Pflo	233.10	240.30	+0.60	1.22
-do- Accum	291.00	300.00†	+0.70	1.22
UK 100 Cos	183.40	183.40	+0.50	1.57
-do- Accum	191.40	191.40	+0.50	1.57
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 380 060				
Managed Tst	84.61	90.01		3.61
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4648				
Intl Income	111.90	118.80†	+0.20	3.54
European	179.80	190.90	+2.50	0.17
Income #	116.40	123.60	+0.90	2.71
Nth American	117.00	124.80†	-0.10	0.18
Far East	120.30	127.70†	-0.40	
Japan	51.22	54.35	+0.25	
Emging Mkts	74.61	79.80	+0.09	0.73
Intl Growth	157.10	166.80	+0.58	0.69
UK Growth	163.70	173.20	+0.70	1.57
UK Smlr Co	70.09	74.41	+0.21	1.62
Asia Pacific	22.24	23.79†	-0.19	0.13
Glob Gwth PEP	84.68	89.88	-0.47	0.54
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	127.26	135.40	+0.90	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Income	690.23	734.29	+2.94	2.56
Global Inc	109.17	116.14	+0.46	2.10
UK Leaders Inc	525.47	559.01	-0.01	1.66
Intl Leaders	334.57	355.93	+1.40	0.29
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	468.40	491.50	+0.400	
-do- Accum	498.70	526.50	+0.300	
American Opps	163.90	174.00		
-do- Accum	166.00	176.20		
Bal Port	124.20	131.60	+0.300	2.26
-do- Accum	158.40	168.00	+0.500	2.26
British Blue Chip	143.30	152.40	-0.500	2.17
-do- Accum	190.80	202.90	-0.500	2.17
Cash	101.40	101.40		7.05
-do- Accum	162.00	162.00	-0.100	7.05
Emerging Mkts	113.20	121.70†	-0.500	0.25
-do- Accum	114.80	123.40†	-0.500	0.25
European Growth	575.00	607.80	+4.600	0.09
-do- Accum	627.60	663.60	+5.100	0.09
General	825.90	878.20	-2.400	1.77
-do- Accum	1741.01	1851.00	+6.000	1.77
Global Bond	132.00	138.70	+0.300	4.36
-do- Accum	187.60	197.00	+0.300	4.36
Gold & General	118.70	127.30†	+0.600	
-do- Accum	122.80	131.70†	+0.600	
Gnt Securities	103.63	106.80†		4.46
-do- Accum	278.90	286.22†	-0.10	4.46
High Yield Bd	112.70	115.40†	0.10	5.50
-do- Accum	131.10	134.30†	0.10	5.50
Income	267.70	284.90	+0.600	3.34
-do- Accum	471.00	501.00	+1.000	3.34
Inc Portfolio #	144.40	152.90†	+0.200	4.61
-do- Accum #	173.00	173.90†	+0.200	4.61
Intl Opps	709.60	756.50†	-0.50	0.67
-do- Accum	1010.70	1034.60	-1.00	0.67
Japan	132.10	140.70	+0.20	
-do- Accum	135.70	144.00	+0.10	
New Europe	360.20	383.70	+0.800	0.48
-do- Accum	379.90	404.70	+0.800	0.48
Pacific	55.03	58.74†	0.08	0.37
-do- Accum	57.90	63.94†	0.07	0.37
Recovery	578.10	617.20		2.70
-do- Accum	784.80	837.10		3.20
UK Smaller Cos	78.86	84.12	+2.710	1.41
-do- Accum	92.56	98.73	+3.190	1.41
Managed Grth	150.00	160.30†	+0.500	1.13
Managed Inc	153.10	158.90	+0.300	3.47
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq 0345 456 123 Dlg 0345 456 126 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm				
Balanced	91.47	95.78	+0.36	1.98
-do- Accum	104.32	109.20	+0.40	1.98
Flexib Tst	158.70	165.70	+1.20	1.10
-do- Accum	196.40	205.10	+1.40	1.09
Corp Bond Inc	109.70	117.60	-0.10	5.92
-do- Accum	121.68	125.30	-0.10	5.92
Extra High Inc #	96.61	101.61	-0.25	5.56
-do- Accum #	225.20	235.80†	+0.60	5.50

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FTSE 100 Acc	111.90	117.20†	+0.40	1.65
FTSE 100 Dist	101.20	106.00†	+0.40	1.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.83	63.51	-0.13	5.72
-do- Accum	212.40	221.00	-0.50	5.72
High Yield #	331.80	347.40	+0.70	3.06
-do- Accum #	996.20	1043	+2.00	3.06
Household Rsrves	148.20	148.90	+0.50	1.69
Income #	470.50	492.40	+5.00	3.22
-do- Accum #	1161	1216	+13.00	3.22
Money Market UT	49.80	49.80	+0.02	6.54
-do- Accum	90.66	90.66	+0.04	6.54
Monthly Income	132.60	138.80†	+0.40	3.50
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	203.30	216.30†	-0.50	1.53
European Growth	258.40	273.90†	-1.50	
Gilt & Fixed	120.90	128.20†	-0.20	4.57
Income	158.00	168.10†	+0.70	3.16
Japan Growth	31.92	33.63†	-0.15	
Managed	113.80	121.10†	+0.60	1.98
Money Market	105.80	112.20†	+0.10	5.74
North American	172.20	182.50†	+1.10	...
Midland FS/AVCS Unit Trust				
British	185.80	197.40†	+0.90	1.52
European Growth	242.30	256.80†	-1.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	112.10	118.80†	-0.20	4.68
Income	154.68	164.50†	+0.70	3.15
Japan Growth	31.97	33.89†	-0.15	
Managed	109.20	116.20†	+0.40	1.97
Money Market	97.49	103.30†	...	5.75
North American	153.80	163.10†	+0.90	..
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	184.00	195.70†	+0.90	1.52
European Growth	236.18	250.30†	-1.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	99.63	105.60†	-0.20	4.58
Income	150.30	159.90†	+0.70	3.15
Japan Growth	32.62	34.58†	-0.15	
Managed	112.60	118.80†	+0.40	1.96
Money Market	87.28	92.51†	+0.04	5.76
North American	171.80	181.80†	+1.20	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 545 7474 Enquiries: 0171 545 7171				
American Gwth	757.90	801.80†	+7.50	
European Gth Inc	910.30	964.40†	+4.40	
-do- Accum	920.20	974.80†	+4.40	
UK Equity Inc	314.10	333.50	+1.00	2.21
Do Accum	449.80	477.70	+1.40	2.21
UK Growth Inc	190.10	203.60	+0.70	2.05
-do- Accum	198.90	213.20	+0.80	2.05
UK Intl Trckr Inc	287.60	306.30	-1.20	2.19
-do- Accum	367.90	391.80	-1.60	2.19
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	461.80	487.80†	-0.30	0.66
Asian Trader	104.90	113.00		0.57
Mngd Ptflio Inc	252.80	271.80†	+3.60	1.31
Mngd Ptflio Acc	284.50	305.60†	+4.90	1.31
Europa	345.80	369.10	-1.20	
High Income	22.16	23.48†	+0.06	10.00
Japan Growth	77.85	82.27	-0.36	
UK Blue Chip Acc	163.20	173.60†	+0.70	1.38
All-Wldr Eq Acc	97.53	104.00	+0.10	
Wld Opps Gth Acc	96.87	103.00	+0.20	1.00
Wld Opps Gth Inc	96.87	103.00	+0.20	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
American Growth	85.35	87.01		
Equity Income #	148.40	150.30†		3.26
European	147.80	150.20		
Smaller Cos	103.70	108.90		1.01
Wwide Eqty	103.00	104.90		
Global Bond	41.38	42.42†		4.18
UK Growth	155.80	160.50		0.98
Pacific Growth	64.02	65.59†		1.88
Japan Growth	85.08	86.34†		...
OEICS				
Portfolio Acc A ‡	53.85			1.76
Portfolio Inc A ‡	53.58			1.76
Gilt Acc A ‡	51.75	...		6.13
Gilt Inc A ‡	51.20			6.13
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	221.10	235.21	+0.88	1.56
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	180.50	190.80	-0.70	0.01
European Dist	280.00	294.70	+3.30	0.13
Far East Dist	109.70	115.50	-0.20	0.05
Global Care Dist	124.80	131.40†	+0.32	0.08
Oseas Dist	1308.70	1377.60	+1.90	0.18
-do- Accum	1782.90	1792.50	-2.50	0.18
UK Dist	628.60	661.70	+2.38	1.10
-do- Accum	1317.40	1386.70	+4.80	1.10
UK Extra Inc Dist	134.00	141.00	+0.60	2.02
Wwide Dist	148.10	153.80	+0.10	0.11
Wwide Inc Dist	112.60	118.50	+0.30	1.48
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 0870 601 6147 Admin Enq: 0870 603 9188				
Europe Inc	145.63	153.07	+2.05	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	89.47	94.43†	+0.39	0.98
North America Inc	97.54	102.94	+0.28	..
UK Equity Grth Inc	101.82	107.32	-1.40	0.94
-do- Accum	113.52	119.81	-1.56	0.94
UK General Inc	97.07	102.45	+0.16	0.96
-do- Accum	110.87	117.01	+0.19	0.96
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	50.19	52.86†	-0.06	5.75
UK Income Inc	94.97	99.25	-0.87	1.72
UK Smlr Cos Inc	160.60	169.59	-0.51	1.28
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	78.41	83.41	+0.72	
-do- Accum	79.92	84.05	+0.72	..
Intl Bond	139.85	148.19†	-0.22	4.56
Cash Income	50.60	50.60	+0.03	6.69
-do- Accum	75.34	75.34	+0.03	6.69
Challenger	109.59	115.11	+0.73	1.45
Distributor	153.45	163.24†	+0.88	1.84
European	116.23	123.64†	-1.69	
Expt H L Gilt	108.61	108.68	-0.04	2.27
Foundation	154.21	164.05	+0.76	0.79
Managed Inc	310.33	330.13†	+1.46	0.60
Managed Acc	319.59	339.98†	-1.55	0.60
Growth Inc	202.09	214.98	-0.90	0.65
Growth Acc	211.95	225.47	-0.94	0.65
Higher Income Inc #	49.14	52.27	+0.21	3.85
-do- Accum #	63.45	67.49	-0.48	3.85
High Yield Bond #	101.39	105.85†	-0.19	6.82
Income	419.18	445.93†	+2.17	2.92
Intl	198.91	207.19	+0.71	0.87
Intl Gwth	52.64	56	-0.27	
Japan	23.34	24.82	-0.19	
Overseas Inc	91.17	96.98	-1.44	0.67
-do- Accum	94.52	100.55	-1.49	0.67
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	82.37	83.45†	+0.05	5.09
UK Growth	153.60	156.40		1.23
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	187.70	197.58	+0.95	1.03
UK Equity	250.54	263.73	+1.04	1.50
UK Equity Income #	218.45	229.95	-0.47	4.01
UK Smaller Cos	188.52	198.44†	+0.46	1.23
UK Equity Growth	230.61	242.75	+1.12	0.47
UK Index Trckg	252.36	266.34	+0.25	1.76
Intl Index Trckg	232.02	244.88	-0.75	0.43
International	369.83	389.29	+1.71	0.62
Pan European	469.34	493.94	-5.65	0.10
Pan European	273.32	287.71	+2.93	0.62
Nth American	357.28	376.08	-0.70	0.04
N Amer Smlr Cos	407.55	429.00†	-0.02	
Japanese	66.72	70.23†	-0.38	1.18
Pacific	145.96	153.64†	-0.42	2.32
South East Asian	145.49	153.15	-0.50	2.58
Sterling Bond	111.08	116.93†	-0.17	5.74
Intl Bond	122.06	128.48†	-0.27	3.75
Gilt & Convertible	119.81	126.12†	-0.28	5.57
Property	96.33	101.40†	+0.02	4.69
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	578.80	618.10	+6.50	0.58
-do- Accum	616.30	658.20	+7.00	0.50
Japan Inc	71.96	76.22	+0.17	..
Nth American Inc	269.90	285.40	-0.30	..
Worldwide Inc	267.00	283.20	+0.70	
HK & China Inc	105.70	113.00	-1.90	2.58
Swiss Equities Inc	159.30	169.80	+2.00	
Wwide Bond Inc	69.93	73.89	+0.03	7.21
Emging Asia Inc	92.43	99.47	+0.82	3.78
-do- Accum	93.13	100.20	+0.90	3.78
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.60	50.60	+0.02	6.52
Thailand Inc	31.22	34.26	-0.06	0.06
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	101.80	108.70	+0.50	0.30
Latin Am Cmp Inc	75.45	80.73	+0.76	0.72
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	104.70	106.20	+0.60	1.50
Beeley Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	104.20	110.90	+0.10	0.49
Global Portfolio	90.04	96.30†	-0.13	
Way Global Red	80.67	85.82	+0.10	
Marsh Global Gth	73.93	78.40	+0.25	0.86
AMR Brit Grwth Inc	165.50	178.00	+0.70	0.88
Temple Equity Inc	61.54	64.08†	+0.30	0.70
Harley Growth	179.80	187.30†	+0.70	1.29
IPS Portfolio Inc	126.10	133.40	+0.20	..
UFC Growth	83.22	88.06	+0.10	0.21
Chantfield Port of Fds	58.87	62.46		0.12
Pvg Intl Equity	93.87	100.40†	...	0.13
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 826 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	419.20	445.98†	+6.60	0.99
-do- Accum	950.30	1010.90	+14.90	0.99
Growth	274.30	288.70	+1.20	1.34
Income	393.50	418.60	+1.10	2.90
Intl Equity	378.90	403.10	+2.30	0.10
-do- Accum	425.60	452.70	+2.60	0.10
Equity Income #	103.90	110.40†	+0.20	4.18
Equity Growth	143.70	152.80	+0.50	0.84
New Europe	181.20	192.60	+0.90	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	916.66	978.30	-2.16	0.32
-do- Accum	926.14	988.42	-2.18	0.32
Income #	671.37	717.80	-1.28	3.12
Wwide Recovery	603.47	645.12	-0.94	0.39
Amer Growth Inc	429.69	456.70	-3.06	
-do- Accum	429.89	456.70	-3.06	
Intl Emerging Cos	363.62	388.90	-0.46	0.08
Far Estn Grth Inc	200.70	214.66	-0.87	1.56
-do- Accum	204.75	218.99	-0.88	1.56
Euro Gwth Inc	342.82	365.83	+1.11	
-do- Accum	344.01	367.09	+1.11	
UK Growth Inc	164.70	176.23	-0.15	2.02
-do- Accum	184.57	197.38	+0.17	2.02
High Income #	172.18	184.03†	-0.31	3.46
Jap Gwth Inc	138.22	147.75	-0.21	0.05
-do- Accum	138.22	147.75	-0.21	0.05
PEP Bond	69.26	72.38	-0.03	7.05
PFP Growth	206.85	220.81	+0.05	0.39
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	67.73	72.44	-0.07	0.66
-do- Accum	68.33	73.08	-0.08	0.66
Amer Smlr Co Inc	282.38	301.12	-1.60	
-do- Accum	282.39	301.12	-1.60	
Global Bond	55.25	58.57	-0.03	5.00
UK Smaller Cos Inc	136.96	146.49†	-0.45	1.62
-do- Accum	158.23	169.69	+0.58	1.62
Lat Am Gwth Inc	37.11	39.58	-0.10	0.66
-do- Accum	37.11	40.22	-0.10	0.66
World Inc PEP #	54.61	57.79†	-0.05	3.58
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3927				
American	194.12	206.51	+0.61	
European	165.86	176.45	+0.24	
Global	51.27	54.54†	+0.02	
Pacific	35.71	37.85	+0.06	
UK Inc & Grth	113.69	120.95	-0.19	3.04
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 638 0808 Dlg 0171 588 8880				
Asia	33.75	35.53	+0.13	
Emerg Mkts	39.31	41.38	+0.16	0.41
Euro Fund	72.68	76.48†	+0.14	
Fund of Funds	250.00	263.20†	+0.30	0.02
High Income #	66.23	69.72†	+0.06	4.99
Performance	62.27	65.55	+0.86	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Dividend	157.10	168.00		3.17
Intl Gth & Inc	353.10	375.60†	+1.40	
UK & Gen	72.47	77.51	+0.13	0.16
Fund of Funds	82.97	88.92	-0.01	
Prem Bal Growth	86.67	90.73	+1.06	0.05
Enterprise	140.30	147.70†	+0.30	1.59
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	231.41	239.85	+0.76	1.73
For Prolific UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 555100				
Managed Tst	54.91	56.90	-0.23	1.86
Cash Haven Inc	101.84	102.34	+0.04	6.47
Cash Haven Acc	128.66	129.49	+0.05	6.47
Dist Haven Inc	131.71	139.92†	+0.40	4.55
Dist Haven Acc	158.24	166.05	+1.30	4.55
Global Growth	134.46	142.84	+0.10	0.52
Equity Inc	118.23	125.78	+0.16	3.44
Equity	1265.79	1346.55	+4.45	1.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	479.22	496.60†	-4.11	0.31
High Income	116.04	123.45†	-0.16	4.47
Intl Grth	270.42	287.65†	-0.81	0.76
Intl Sm Co	109.08	116.05	-0.33	1.05
Japanese	126.11	130.45	-0.64	
Mgd Income Tst #	51.19	52.95†	+0.06	7.46
Nth Amer	351.75	363.64	-1.16	0.43
Pacific Mkts	68.88	71.38	-0.65	2.41
Premier Inc	50.75	52.82†	-0.05	6.49
Sm Cos	131.45	139.84	-0.58	1.27
Spec Sits	173.53	184.61†	-0.70	1.55
UK Growth	214.86	228.57	+0.76	1.22
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	120.59	128.15	-0.23	2.79
Investment Trust	155.04	164.76	-3.69	0.30
UK Smaller Cos	140.63	149.66†	-0.25	1.50
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	514.40	545.70	+1.10	2.10
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	29.29	30.59†	-0.03	
Cash	48.29	50.29†	+0.01	5.50
Emerging Mkts	41.51	43.35†	+0.29	
Europe	110.80	115.70†	-0.40	
Global Fixed Int #	50.11	52.33†	-0.14	4.73
Japan	29.47	30.77†	-0.13	
North America	101.40	105.90†	+0.10	...
UK	96.52	100.80†	-0.30	
UK Equity Inc #	85.13	88.90†	-0.16	2.64
UK Fixed Int #	55.62	58.08†	-0.01	6.14
Portfolio Service PEP				
Independent Gwth	71.83	75.61	+0.17	
Independent Inc #	68.85	73.50	+0.12	2.46
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	28.34		-0.10	0.70
Asia Pacific ‡	29.21		-0.28	1.15
Europe ‡	67.39		+0.51	
Japan ‡	39.15		-0.05	
Latin America ‡	37.81		-0.56	0.34
North America ‡	58.70		-0.16	
UK Eq Income #	59.36		+0.14	4.24
UK Major Cos ‡	62.79	...	-0.27	0.39
UK Smaller Cos ‡	64.57		-0.47	0.67
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0870 601 6183 Dealing: 0870 601 6063				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1692.00	1790.00†	+9.00	1.08
Equity Income #	163.40	172.90†	+0.40	3.46
European	313.50	331.70	+2.90	
High Inc Bond	51.53	54.61	+0.07	5.71
Portfolio	159.70	168.30	-0.60	1.10
UK Index Trckg	296.00	313.20	-1.40	2.76
UK Leading Cos	126.90	134.30†	+0.70	1.58
UK Smaller Cos	167.00	176.70	+0.10	0.97
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	246.90	260.80	+1.10	2.67
Intl Cautionary	75.58	80.35	-0.04	3.59
Intl Growth	108.40	114.70†	-0.70	
Managed	259.30	274.30†	-1.00	0.41
Pacific Basin	56.15	59.74	-0.30	0.64
United States	205.50	217.40	-0.10	0.25
Sun Alliance Trusts				
Far East	118.80	125.70†	-0.50	1.30
Wwide Bond	58.45	59.34	+0.11	4.99
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	301.90	320.10†	+0.80	0.79
European Growth	300.50	319.60	-3.70	0.85
Far East Growth	81.08	86.26†	-0.05	2.53
Japan Growth	83.77	89.09	-0.34	0.56
Special Sits	292.40	311.00	+2.40	1.77
UK Growth	153.70	163.50†	+1.70	1.86
Intl Growth	384.40	409.00	+2.30	1.38
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	99.23	105.00		1.06
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	684.10	723.90	+2.90	0.96
-do- Accum	1082.00	1145.00	+6.00	0.96
Growth Inc	216.50	229.10	+2.00	0.89
-do- Accum	222.80	235.80	+2.00	0.89
International Inc	579.80	613.50	+4.10	0.75
-do- Accum	804.20	851.00	+5.80	0.75
Nth Am & Intl Inc	544.00	575.70	+0.60	0.60
UK Gen Prog Inc	396.00	419.00	+0.80	1.66
-do- Accum	465.90	493.00	+0.90	1.66
UK High Inc Inc	214.80	227.30	+0.40	3.41
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
European Gwth	163.54	173.97	+2.58	1.00
Global Bd	61.74	65.19	+0.15	5.00
UK Gwth	138.78	147.64	-1.04	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 828 160 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	198.80	211.50	-0.90	
Cash	148.20	148.20†		7.14
China Dragon	42.71	45.44	-0.45	1.61
Commodity	99.01	105.30	-0.70	
Emerging Mkts	36.31	38.63†	+0.18	0.44
European Gwth	428.60	456.20	+3.40	
Euro Smllr Cos	114.70	122.00	+0.40	
Extra Income #	75.15	77.88	+0.02	4.65
Far Eastern	66.04	70.25	-0.58	
FE Sm Cos	34.95	37.18†	-0.26	0.73
Financial Secs	526.80	560.40	-0.60	0.39
Gold & Exploration	31.64	33.66	-0.31	
Growth	669.30	672.70	+1.50	0.39
High Income	54.40	54.40	+0.04	6.89
Intl Bond	159.10	168.10	-0.30	4.71
ITU	301.90	321.28	+1.00	0.48
Japan Growth	121.40	128.60	-0.70	..
Japan Smaller	100.90	107.30	-0.60	..
Korea	18.65	19.84	+1.63	
Latin America	46.95	49.95†	+0.66	0.40
Masterfund	86.65	87.09†	+0.06	0.72
Premier Eq Grth	263.20	280.00†	+0.60	0.76
Premier Eq Inc #	538.20	572.60	+0.80	3.28
SE Asia	24.22	25.77	-0.39	0.90
Southern Africa	37.44	39.83	-1.63	0.88
UK & O'seas	269.20	285.40†	-0.30	0.59
UK Eqty Gth	128.90	137.10	+0.30	0.80
UK Eqty Inc #	381.30	405.60†		3.39
UK Gilt & Inc #	489.97	490.30†	+0.20	2.70
UK Sm Cos	78.53	83.54	+0.32	0.18
US Growth	340.50	361.70	-0.50	
New Europe ‡	52.3900	...	+1.01	..
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	555.68	586.93	+0.35	0.29
-do- Accum	619.38	654.23	+0.40	0.29
European Gwth	158.15	167.50	+0.66	0.30
Euro Smllr Cos	169.46	180.25†	+0.82	0.02
-do- Accum	171.91	182.85†	+0.83	0.02
Far Eastern Gth	74.84	79.82†	-0.57	0.17
-do- Accum	76.36	81.44†	-0.56	0.17
Gilt & Fixed Int #	58.49	61.60	-0.07	6.83
Global Bond #	44.02	45.48†	-0.06	5.70
-do- Accum #	58.04	59.98†	-0.10	5.70
Global Emer Mkts	42.84	45.69	+0.25	0.01
-do- Accum	42.98	45.84	+0.25	0.01
Income #	574.12	612.39	+2.91	3.92
-do- Accum #	2052.71	2189.57	+10.40	3.92
Japan Smllr Cos	192.73	205.57†	-0.20	
-do- Accum	193.11	205.98†	-0.20	
Japan Enterprise	44.72	47.70	-0.04	
Pacific Gwth	78.98	84.24	-0.67	1.15
-do- Accum	82.88	88.40	-0.70	1.15
Portfolio	122.67	130.28	+0.30	1.71
-do- Accum	138.42	148.08	+0.34	1.71
Seoul	14.59	15.56	+1.24	0.01
-do- Accum	14.59	15.56	+1.24	0.72
Strategic Inc	128.53	136.71	+0.39	1.81
Strategic Acc	132.62	141.06	+0.40	1.81
Tokyo	99.86	106.51	-0.09	
-do- Accum	100.87	107.58	-0.10	
UK Enterprise	457.13	487.60†	+1.71	1.53
-do- Accum	587.08	626.21†	+2.19	1.53
UK Equity	427.18	455.65†	+1.64	1.22
-do- Accum	896.71	956.50†	+3.46	1.22
UK Smaller Cos	450.43	480.45†	+0.47	0.77
-do- Accum	543.74	579.98†	+0.56	0.77
US Smllr Cos	376.80	401.25	-1.58	
-do- Accum	376.90	401.25	-1.56	
Institutional Funds				
European	512.33	530.94†	+5.35	0.79
-do- Accum	588.80	610.18†	+6.14	0.79
Euro Smllr Cos	53.52	55.65	+0.35	0.87
-do- Accum	58.60	60.93	+0.39	0.87
Global Equity Inc	129.29	133.97	+0.80	0.86
Japan Smllr Cos	19.90	20.72†	-0.02	0.28
-do- Accum	20.17	21.00†	-0.02	0.28
Mngd Balanced	282.14	293.58		2.64
-do- Accum	344.50	358.48		2.64
Overseas Equity	266.75	276.84†	+1.20	0.86
-do- Accum	284.76	295.53†	-1.28	0.86
Oseas Smllr Cos	147.12	153.24	-0.45	4.13
-do- Accum	157.46	164.01	-0.48	4.13
Pacific	142.72	148.66	-2.71	2.91
-do- Accum	162.65	169.42	-3.09	2.91
Recovery	3073.59	3201.65†	+7.67	2.65
-do- Accum	3554.34	3702.42†	+8.86	2.65
UK Index	275.32	286.79	+0.33	2.30
-do- Accum	370.97	386.42	+0.45	2.30
UK Small Cos	180.32	187.83	-0.34	2.27
-do- Accum	206.28	214.85	-0.39	2.27
US Smllr Cos	84.23	87.62	-0.67	0.42
-do- Accum	87.13	90.65	-0.69	0.42
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	85.88	90.82	-0.56	1.33
Equity Trust	116.95	123.67	-0.74	1.88
Equity Strategy	119.20	126.05	+1.16	1.09
European Opps	183.53	194.08	-2.52	0.29
UK Smaller Cos	93.66	98.94	-0.20	0.83
Maximum Inc	100.60	103.72	-0.10	5.88
Japanese	47.50	50.23	-0.27	
Asia Pacific	69.46	73.45	-0.57	1.89
American	198.10	209.13	-0.63	0.47
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	36.36	36.36	-0.02	7.04
UK Eq Gwth Inc	88.56	94.29	-0.44	2.01
-do- Accum	123.15	131.12	-0.61	2.01
Intl Income	413.72	439.86	-1.75	1.17
-do- Accum	743.24	790.20	-3.14	1.17
European	184.20	195.77	+1.29	0.79
Japan	47.57	50.38	-0.25	
American	170.18	179.81	-0.19	0.64
Far East Tact	50.82	53.36†	-0.32	2.07
Ethical Inc	52.32	55.95†	-0.21	1.38
-do- Accum	61.97	65.28†	+0.26	1.38
UK Blue Chip Inc	58.58	62.50	-0.32	1.98
-do- Accum	73.07	77.96	-0.38	1.98
UK Equity Inc	62.52	66.60	-0.14	3.06
-do- Accum	96.08	102.48	-0.22	3.06
UK Global Inc	71.04	75.52	-0.39	1.73
-do- Accum	79.22	84.21	-0.43	1.73
Wwide Tact	121.80	129.63	-0.42	0.92
Europe Tactical	136.53	145.59†	-0.63	0.47
Technology	246.67	262.82	-2.73	0.31
Dist Inc	31.92	33.67†	+0.10	4.92
-do- Accum	35.08	37.14†	-0.11	4.92
UK Gilt Inc Inc	27.14	28.68	+0.01	6.26
-do- Accum	30.18	31.87	+0.01	6.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	755.90	803.60	-3.30	1.44
American	558.50	590.80	-0.50	0.02
Pacific	277.40	296.10	-0.10	0.36
European	1102.30	1170.50	+14.10	0.44
Worldwide	116.63	124.10	+1.10	0.16
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	481.10	511.80	+1.70	1.44
-do- Accum	657.60	699.70	+2.50	1.44
UK Gilt & Fix Inc	302.40	321.70	-1.61	2.38
-do- Accum	381.60	405.90	+2.20	2.38
Select Dvdmy Inc	120.10	128.40†	-0.80	1.21
Income Plus Inc	125.80	132.90†	-0.41	3.07
European Inc	754.30	801.40†	-5.90	0.51
-do- Accum	875.10	929.80	-6.40	0.51
Far Eastern Inc	97.48	103.70†	-1.05	2.05
-do- Accum	114.50	121.80	-1.10	2.05
Japanese Inc	43.01	45.75†	-0.20	
Nth American Inc	546.60	580.60	-0.70	
-do- Accum	605.50	642.50	-0.80	
Intl Growth Inc	291.20	309.60	-1.40	0.31
Wwide Venture Inc	170.50	176.50†	-0.80	0.31
SCOTTISH WIDOWS FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	639.60	675.60	-3.70	1.51
-do- Accum	1013.00	1066.00	-6.00	1.51
UK High Inc #	302.80	319.90	-2.30	3.86
-do- Accum #	490.00	517.70	-3.90	3.86

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	872.90	922.20	+12.50	0.19
-do- Accum	930.20	982.70	+13.30	0.19
Nth Amer Inc	503.10	531.30	-0.20	
Global Inc	356.60	378.90	-2.80	
Global Acc	389.30	411.30	-3.00	
UK Spec Sits Inc	178.60	188.70	+1.40	0.88
South East Asia	101.50	107.30	-1.10	1.06
Cash Trust Inc	100.70	100.70	-0.10	6.78
UK Smlr Cos Inc	141.00	149.00	-0.10	1.22
-do- Accum	151.80	160.30	+0.10	1.22
Intl Bond Inc	89.54	94.06	-0.10	7.83
International Strat	102.70	108.70	-0.20	0.34
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	281.10	295.90†	+3.00	0.12
Nth American	209.20	220.20†	+0.70	
Intl Bond & Conv	138.70	145.90	..	5.48
Pooled Pension	340.40	366.00	-1.70	1.74
Smaller Cos	156.20	164.40	+0.30	0.93
UK General #	242.80	255.60	+0.80	1.68
Far Eastern	54.26	57.12	-0.10	1.03
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	161.70	170.60	-1.60	0.70
Global Gwth	113.80	120.10	+0.50	0.50
Inv Tst Port	78.01	82.98	-0.37	1.80
Managed	1813.74	1901.38†	-8.73	2.90
Pref Inc #	117.90	125.40†	-0.30	6.90
Smaller Cos	338.00	359.50†	+7.00	0.60
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	129.51	†	+0.25	3.30
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.63	†	+0.02	6.74
Corporate Inc ‡	108.55	†	+0.03	6.19
Tai Pan ‡	61.09		-0.46	
Aztec ‡	75.34		+0.52	
Amer Eth Fund ‡	213.63		-0.04	
European ‡	284.93		-2.23	
Global Bond ‡	91.52		-0.04	6.89
Samurai ‡	40.45		+0.02	
UK Growth ‡	149.72		+0.79	2.79
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	111.75		+0.19	2.94
Investment Trust ‡	147.76		+0.63	1.85
The Football Fd ‡	79.80		+0.57	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	105.43		-0.05	
Dmark Reserve ‡	100.68	†	-0.19	4.05
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	684.00	722.70	+0.40	
Capital	202.30	214.00	+1.00	0.79
Cash	101.89	101.89	-0.01	6.77
European	271.00	286.70	+1.80	
Far Eastern	120.00	126.90	+0.40	0.59
Growth	242.70	256.80†	+1.60	0.97
Income #	194.60	205.98	+0.60	4.54
Magnum	203.40	215.20†	+0.80	0.81
Smlr Secs	629.60	677.80	+2.40	
Thoroughbred	240.20	254.10†	+1.00	0.87
SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Broker Desk 08000 276 2436				
UK Growth Acc	99.17	105.50	+0.50	1.42
Technology	105.20	111.60	+0.50	
Euro Gwth Acc	95.02	100.00		
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Cntrld Prtnrce	69.90	72.06	+0.19	6.50
Ethical	101.50	108.50	-0.60	0.72
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Intl Growth	145.50	154.20	+1.00	0.86
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UK Growth	93.60	100.20	+0.94	0.84
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UK Equity Gth Acc	156.00	165.40	+0.40	0.90
Premier Inc Inc	54.89	56.82†		5.89
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UK Eq HI Inc Inc	59.13	62.68	-0.30	3.68
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UK Equity Gen Acc	121.50	129.10	+0.90	0.96
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Oseas Lrg Co Acc	449.40	486.60	+2.60	1.50
Nth American Acc	86.05	91.43	-0.10	0.08
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Euro Grth Inc	171.70	181.90	+1.70	
Euro Small Co	83.17	88.59		
Japan	87.91	93.10	-0.50	
Asia Pacific	282.10	300.40	-1.20	2
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Inv Trust Acc	399.60	423.60	+0.60	0.90
Mngd Equity	270.90	286.60	+1.30	1.71
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Corp Bd Gth Inc	107.82	114.70	-0.03	5.68
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Managed Assets	193.81	207.28†	+0.90	1.58
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Bal Mgd Gth Acc	57.85	60.58	-0.30	1.67
Caut Mg Gth Acc	56.63	59.28	+0.08	3.39
Managed Income	56.15	58.79†	+0.10	3.13
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Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corporate Bd ‡	54.09		-0.02	6.12
UK Equity Inc #	62.82		+0.18	3.59
UK Growth ‡	63.61		+0.29	1.39
UK Grth & Inc ‡	58.45		-0.21	1.62
UK Money Secs ‡	51.16		-0.02	7.10
UK Monthly Inc #	57.54		-0.16	3.20
UK Select Grth ‡	63.96		-0.39	1.31
UK Smaller Cos ‡	59.92		-0.25	1.30
International				
Amer Grth Acc ‡	61.96		-0.27	
Amer Sel Grth ‡	63.08		-0.22	
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	60.71		-0.23	
Asia Growth ‡	28.18		-0.07	0.58
Emg Mkt Bd Fd #	52.73		-0.05	7.12
European Growth ‡	76.35		-0.64	
Euro Sel Gwth ‡	75.95		-0.71	
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	74.94		-0.35	
FE&Exp Gwth Acc ‡	28.97		-0.03	0.08
Global Bond ‡	52.34		-0.06	5.30
Glo Sel Gth Acc ‡	57.59		+0.30	
Japan Gwth Acc ‡	35.52		+0.18	
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	53.89		-0.27	
Latn Amer Gth ‡	49.30		-0.66	
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UK				
UK Equity Inc #	61.91		+0.19	3.59
UK Growth ‡	63.72		-0.29	1.93
UK Grth & Inc ‡	58.55		-0.21	2.17
UK Inst Gwth ‡	62.91		-0.20	2.26
UK Oseas Emgs ‡	60.77		+0.33	1.41
UK Select Gwth ‡	64.12		-0.40	1.82
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	60.04		-0.26	1.84
International				
Amer Grth Acc ‡	62.23		-0.29	
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	63.36		-0.22	
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	60.89		-0.24	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	29.33		-0.07	0.98
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	76.65		+0.65	0.37
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	76.23		-0.70	0.25
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	75.15		-0.35	0.23
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	29.08		-0.03	0.43
Global Bond ‡	52.46		-0.06	5.29
Japan Growth Acc ‡	35.68		-0.13	
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	54.05		-0.27	
Latn Amer Gth ‡	49.40		-0.67	0.37
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
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UK Eq Inc Acc #	490.75	522.07	-0.50	3.08
UK Equity Gwth	532.13	566.10	-1.98	1.18
European	321.82	342.36	+3.52	0.82
Nth American	131.74	140.15	-0.09	0.03
Far Eastern	53.19	56.59	-0.06	0.53
Money	77.86	77.86	+0.03	6.62
Fixed Interest #	94.08	99.86	-0.07	6.75
Index Linked Gilt	89.16	94.56	-0.01	1.16
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	114.23	114.23	-0.14	5.73
Pers Growth	152.56	152.56†		
Pers Inc Prtctr	118.65	118.65†		
UK Index Tracking Tr	194.16	194.16	-0.19	1.60
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
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Australasian Gold	14.38	15.14†		
Pacific Basin	23.19	24.62		
Global Bond (US$)	0.9754	1.0160		
Penny Share	45.61	46.01		
Japan Smlr Cos	27.22	28.65		
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	133.90	134.80		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8330	0.8416	+0.04	
Gilt Income	52.98	53.80†	-0.02	5.90
Gilt Greater	92.27	93.70	-0.06	
Sterling Bond	53.09	53.97	-0.05	5.90
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	79.41	84.30	-0.24	1.42
UK Stockmarket	151.80	161.40	-0.30	1.77
Corporate Bd Inc	52.14	52.26	-0.03	5.59
-do- Accum	57.94	58.07	-0.03	5.59

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
646	505	Allied Domecq	585	+ 23	4.2	14.3
412½	295	Bulmer (HP)	350	...	5.5	
42½	12½	Burn Stewart	14	...		18.2
795	432	Diageo▼	714½	+ 14½	2.9	33.8
900	755	Glenmorangie A	855	- 10	2.1	19.9
325	259	Highland Dist	277½	...	4.1	12.8
215	160	Matthew Clark	198	...	8.6	7.4
59½	37½	Marsden W	46	+ 1		
2021¼	1143¾	SA Breweries	1184¾	- 53¼	2.7	18.6

BANKS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1609¼	1178¾	ABN-AMRO	1606¼	+ 9¼	2.0	23.0
1345	951	Abbey Nat	1118	- 18	3.4	17.1
1032	585	Alliance & Leic	865½	- 15	3.0	17.5
970¼	587¼	Allied Irish	970¼	+ 6¼	1.9	27.2
458¼	373¼	Aus New Z	478	- 8¼	4.6	
6075	3881¼	Bank America	5868¾	+ 9¾		
817	431	Bank Scotland	713	- 26½	1.7	19.1
1996	1068	Barclays	1918	- 37	2.4	17.8
1332½	916½	Bk of Ireland	1298	...	1.9	21.2
£108¾	6790¼	Citicorp	£108¼	+ 134¼		
1690½	1565¾	Commerzbk	1653¼	...	3.2	
543½	290¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	368¾	...	1.0	
5368¾	3668¾	Deutsche Bk	5253¾	+ 3½	1.2	
1206¼	1153¾	Espirito Santo	1181¼	- 6¼	3.2	
531	228½	Fuji Bank Y	268¾	...	1.4	53.9
2073	1294	HSBC	1641	- 15	3.8	13.1
2002	937	HSBC HK	1544	- 21	4.0	12.4
1000	670	Halifax	781½	...	2.8	22.9
842½	642½	Irish Perm	837½	...	1.9	24.3
1090	698	Lloyds TSB	934½	- 5½	2.3	24.8
916½	799	Nat Aust Bk	892½	- 8	4.2	
1241	751	Nat West	1218	+ 31	3.3	26.0
673	482	Northern Rock	541	+ 2	2.4	20.4
1140	585	Royal Bk Scot	1040	- 6	2.7	19.3
1050	528	Stand Chart	749½	- ½	3.1	12.1
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾	...	1.9	
439	337½	Westpac	407½	- 5	3.4	
400	308	Woolwich	346	+ 1	3.4	17.8

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1195	873	Bass▼	1090	- 3	3.2	18.9
81½	50½	Brit for the Bar	68	- 3	3.7	
197½	144½	Burtonwood Brwl	179½	- 2	4.4	12.6
162½	110	City Centre Rest	132	...	2.7	20.5
700	290½	Compass Gp	649½	- 6	0.9	42.6
342½	280½	Eldridge P 'A'	291½	...	2.7	14.3
384½	251½	Enterprise Inns	328½	...	3.0	18.8
552½	425	Fuller Sm 'A'	547½	...	2.6	15.4
538	400	Greenalls Gp	477½	- 4½	4.5	11.3
760	678½	Greene King	695	- 2½	3.3	12.7
358	260	Groupe Chez Ger	337	+ 1	1.2	23.3
281½	214½	Hardy Hanson	244½	+ 1	6.0	10.6
2175	1825	Holt J	2062½	...	4.1	10.0
76	62	Inn Business	65½	...	3.6	8.8
317	279	Mansfield	297½	...	3.4	11.4
360½	254½	[illegible]	289½	...	3.8	13.8
472½	402½	Morland	447½	...	3.7	11.9
384½	285	Old Eng Pub▲	312½	+ 5	1.2	22.1
35	21½	Paramount	29½			
950	678½	PizzaExpress	821½	- ½	0.5	37.1
377½	292½	[illegible]	295		2.1	31.0
388½	157½	Regent Inns	171		2.6	12.2
237½	140½	SFI	193	+ 4	0.5	33.7
950	717	Scott & New	852	+ 2	3.5	15.8
303½	197½	[illegible]	233½	+ 5½	3.4	30.6
358	227	Vaux Group	340½	- 5	4.1	14.1
342	272½	Wetherspoon JD	287½	- 1	0.9	30.9
1145	850	Whitbread	965	- 18	3.4	17.3
568½	469	Wolverhmptn D	516½	...	4.7	11.1
558½	381	Yates Brost	417½	- 17½	1.0	25.8
827½	637½	Young 'A'	807½	...	2.5	28.6

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	...	7.25	7.65
105	101	Treas 15½% 1998	101	-	15.28	7.41
104	101	Exch 12% 1998	101	-	11.83	7.35
102	100	Treas 9½% 1999	100	-	9.41	7.48
108	103	Exch 12¼% 1999	103		11.88	7.50
104	102	Treas 10½% 1999	102	-	10.25	7.42
99	98	Treas 6% 1999	98	-	6.07	7.24
108	103	Conv 10¼% 1999	103	-	9.88	7.19
105	102	Conv 9% 2000	102	-	8.75	7.13
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102	-	7.80	6.84
103	101	Treas 8½% 2000	102 †	-	8.33	7.11
114	110	Treas 13% 2000	110	-	11.73	7.03
109	107	Treas 10% 2001	107	-	9.31	6.83
102	100	Treas 7% 2001	101	-	6.92	6.61

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	101	Treas 7% 2002	101	-	6.87	6.44
113	111	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	-	8.74	6.49
109	106	Treas 8% 2003	107	-	7.47	6.28
118	115	Treas 10% 2003	116	-	8.61	6.28
114	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	-	10.36	6.84
97	92	Fund 3½% 1999-04	92	-	3.80	5.03
119	116	Conv 9½% 2004	117	-	8.11	6.16
105	101	Treas 6¾% 2004	103	-	6.52	6.06
116	113	Conv 9½% 2005	114	-	7.43	6.04
120	117	Conv 9½% 2005	118	-	8.02	6.12
130	127	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	-	9.77	6.25
111	107	Treas 7¾% 2006	109	-	6.82	5.97
112	108	Treas 7¾% 2006	111	-	6.98	6.00
107	104	Treas 8% 2002-06	105	-	7.58	6.47
123	120	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121 †	-	9.71	6.31
119	115	Treas 8½% 2007	117	-	7.23	5.85
117½	108	Treas 7¼% 2007	109	-	6.60	5.86
128	121	Treas 9% 2008	123	-	7.26	5.85
120	113	Treas 8% 2009	117	-	6.79	5.80
107	99	Treas 6¼% 2010	104	-	6.01	5.78
131	124	Conv 9% 2011	128	-	7.01	5.84
133	125	Treas 9% 2012	129	-	6.92	5.85
101	93	Treas 5½% 2008-12	98	-	5.58	5.64
120	112	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	117	-	6.60	5.87

LONGS (over 15 years)

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
124	116	Treas 8% 2013	127	-	6.58	5.83
128	118	Treas 8% 2015	124	-	6.43	5.75
138	127	Treas 8¾% 2017	134	-	6.51	5.75
133	121	Tr 8% 2021	129	-	6.19	5.69

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1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
63	55	War Ln 3½%	60	-	5.77	
44	38	Treas 2½%	42	+	5.92	
68	61	Consols 4%	66	+	6.02	

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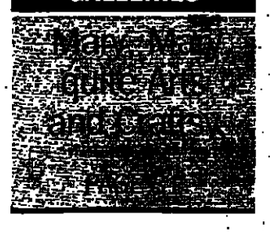
1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	5%	3%
199	194	Treas IL 2½% 2001	199		2.80	3.25
198	192	Treas IL 2½% 2003	197	+	2.77	3.07
128	124	Treas IL 4¾% 2004	127		2.69	2.94
217	208	Treas IL 2% 2006	217	+	2.59	2.78
199	187	Treas IL 2½% 2009	198		2.57	2.72
210	195	Treas IL 2½% 2011	209	-	2.56	2.68
176	162	Treas IL 2½% 2013	176		2.53	2.64
193	175	Treas IL 2½% 2016	192 †		2.51	2.61
190	170	Treas IL 2½% 2020	189	-	2.51	2.58
163	142	Treas IL 2½% 2024	162	-	2.47	2.55
161	140	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	160 †	-	2.44	2.51

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures or report awaited; No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.



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Aix revitalised by youthful participants

OPERA: One of Europe's most famous festivals has been relaunched with an educational slant. **Rodney Milnes** reports

In British operatic circles education is a big buzz-word nowadays; or a small one, depending on where you work. So there could be lessons to be learnt from the new Aix Festival. It has had ups and downs in its 50-year history, went dark last year, and has now been relaunched under the direction of Stephane Lissner, formerly of the Châtelet in Paris.

In one respect the programme is traditionally glamorous: Peter Brook lured back to opera for a new *Don Giovanni*, the combination of Pierre Boulez and Pina Bausch in Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* still to come, and further performances of Trisha Brown's version of the Monteverdi *Orfeo*, already seen at the Barbican.

But in another respect it is cannily tailored to contemporary concerns. It is now the Aix Festival combined with the European Academy of Music. 100 hand-picked young people from theatrical as well as musical disciplines who are giving performances of *Dido and Aeneas* and *Curlew River*, supplying the chorus for the Mozart, and workshopping half a dozen dance and opera projects, some (if successful) to be presented next year.

All of this is massively politically correct, as is the fact that *Giovanni* is double-cast and conducted either by Claudio Abbado or by the 23-year-old Daniel Harding, and you don't know which until you turn up. But it is sensible as well as PC, and must help in attracting government support and sponsorship.

And it appears to be working. There is no sense of "them and us": the Academy performances are as sold-out as the mainstream offerings, and so are the students' recitals. Mind you, the management could probably mount a festival of performing fleas and sell out. Aix is one of the most beautiful, lively and welcoming cities in Europe.

Dido, performed in the courtyard of one of Aix's innumerable 17th-century *hotels*, was excitingly conducted by the American David Stern — no whiff of Baroque piety — with decent performances of the title roles by the statuesque Silvia Hablowetz and the musical Andrew Rupp. The production, in North African dress but set in Arthur Evans's Knossos, was perhaps unnecessarily mysterious.

Brook's *Giovanni* has been generally received with untrammelled admiration. For me, anything happening on stage — not a lot, in the event — was decisively upstaged by what was happening in the pit. Abbado conducted, quite magnificently, but whoever happened to be on the podium was less significant than the results of weeks of careful preparation.

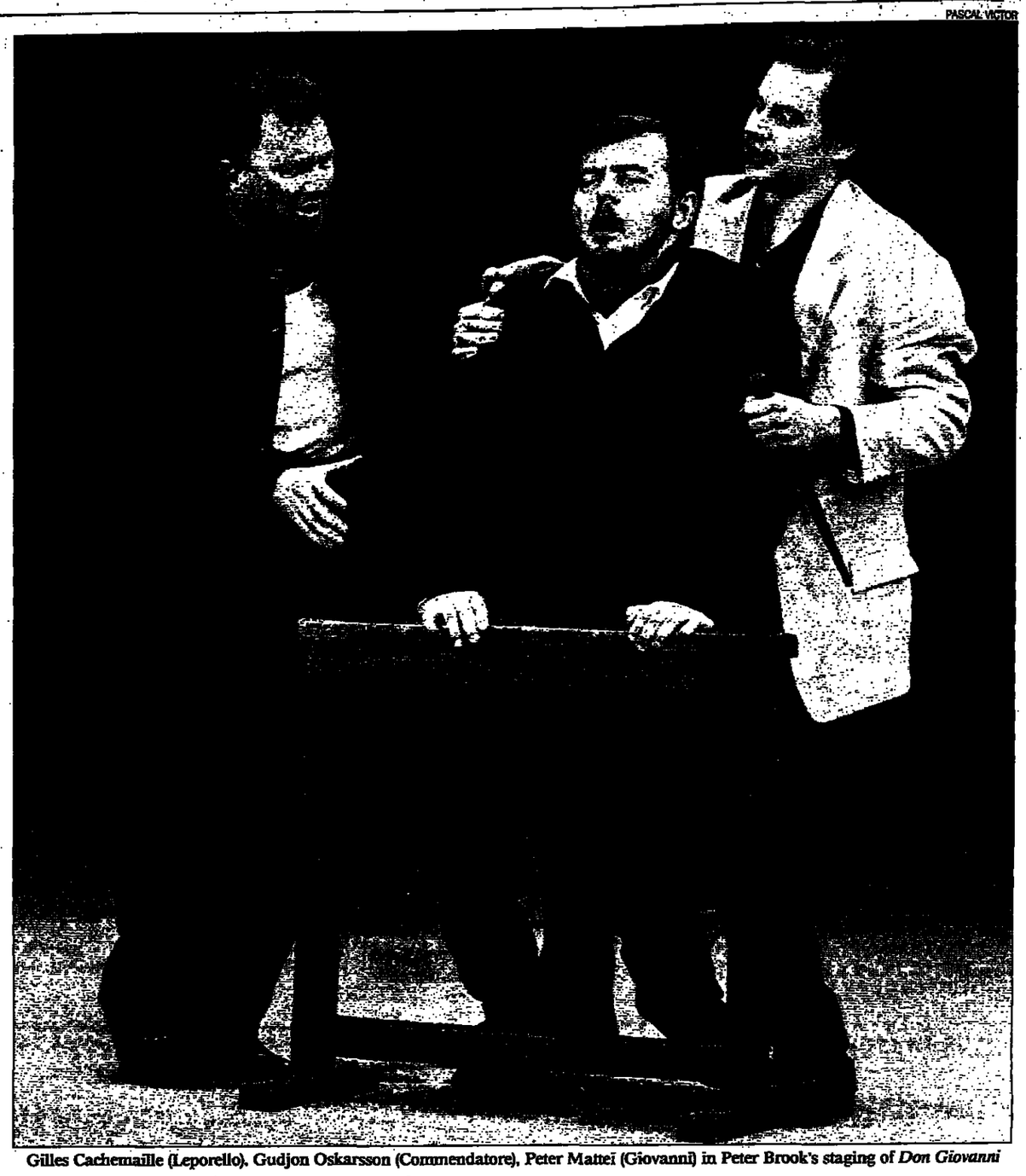
The young players of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra, many smiling seraphically, watching the conductor (this doesn't always happen), watching the stage when not otherwise occupied, were doing far more than accompanying. They were leading it in an act of inspired communal music-making.

Textures were crystal-clear: it was like seeing a picture with centuries of varnish removed. Transitions between recitative and aria were handled with thrilling theatrical know-how: the action sped along. One example to show why this was a performance in a thousand: Elvira's *Mi tradì* is traditionally a bit of a hurdle race; can the soprano get through it? Here, Abbado's gentle but propelled tempo allowed Melanie Diener, the best singer on stage, to sing every phrase as if it were music.

Brook's production, in modern dress, was desperately serious, and lacked four elements essential to any *Giovanni*. It was short on laughs; only Gilles Cachemaille's sardonic Leporello managed to salvage the odd smile from the joylessness. There was little suggestion of class conflict, which is at the centre of the action: Giovanni and Maseto were interchangeable, and there was an inescapable whiff of suburbia to a show that seemed to be happening in a Surbiton bar.

There was no sex: Peter Mattei, a handsome young Swede who has made a success of Giovanni elsewhere, was reduced to a blank canvas. And there was no danger, no theatrical frisson, which Brook might consider vulgar but Mozart surely didn't. This was *Don Giovanni* in the head, not on the stage, and a grave disappointment.

PASCAL VICTOR



Gilles Cachemaille (Leporello), Gudjon Oskarsson (Commendatore), Peter Mattei (Giovanni) in Peter Brook's staging of *Don Giovanni*

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CHANGING TIMES

Muddied waters

BLUES



THE survivors of the classic era of postwar Chicago blues could nowadays fit into the back of a London taxi. Of them, the best known and most gifted is Buddy Guy, and his place in the blues pantheon is assured. After a lacklustre period, which saw him fritter away his immense talents, his recordings have in recent years become sharper and more focused. But at his live gigs there is always a tendency for the showman to take over from the bluesman.

When he reveals the screaming vocals and blistering guitar solos that have electrified audiences since the late 1950s there is probably no blues artist to equal him. But when he stops numbers halfway through for one of his extended question and answer routines with the audience you feel that any musical impetus is squandered.

Backed by bass, drums, rhythm guitar and keyboards, Guy opened with an almost frantic version of *Got My Mojo Working* before slowing the tempo down for one of the evening's high spots, a tortured reading of the Eddie Boys classic, *Five Long Years*. Then came *Feels Like Rain* and an impassioned guitar solo which saw him going walkabout from the stage, up through the aisles and disappearing into a mass of cheering fans. By the time he was back on stage he had swapped his guitar pick for a drumstick and the song had turned into *Sunshine of Your Love*.

"Muddy Waters told me to watch my Ps and Qs when I came to England," said Guy, before launching into *Hoochie Coochie Man* which turned mid-song into his own recent hit, *Damn Right I Got The Blues*. Then it was showtime, with Guy performing take-offs of John Lee Hooker and Lightnin' Hopkins. His new CD, *Heavy Love*, provided the next number, *Midnight Love*, which was aimed squarely at the blues rock brigade. But it was back to the blues in a big way after that with the subdued but beautifully performed Mercy Dee Walton standard, *One Room Country Shack*.

The evening ended with one of Guy's most heartfelt pronouncements: "There are only a handful of real blues players left; in the last year we have lost Junior Wells, Johnny Copeland, Jimmy Rogers and Luther Allison," he said, before dedicating a version of *Little by Little* to the artist who first performed it — his former partner and long-time friend, Junior Wells.

JOHN CLARKE

Rather too tight for comfort

JAZZ CONCERTS

On the cover of **Herbie Hancock**'s 1996 album, *The New Standard*, the famous pianist is pictured relaxing in an old porch chair, wearing spotless but casual white clothes and matching loafers. The desired impression of chic informality, however, is seriously compromised by a single detail: the shoes' soles are completely unmarked. They have been donned specially for the photo session.

Such careful image-building has clearly worked for Hancock. His arrival on stage at the Barbican on Saturday was greeted with a degree of rapture seldom associated with jazz musicians, and even his lengthy introductory ramble about the problems bassist Kenny Davis had had in replacing his flight-damaged instrument was punctuated by gales of laughter and shouts of encouragement from a sell-out house.

Thereafter, everything he or his band did, not only individual solos but theme statements and fours-trading, was cheered to the echo. Hancock's reputation has reached that enviable plateau where his mere presence is enough to delight. The music he plays is almost a side issue.

On this occasion, he and his band — completed by Davis, saxophonist Craig Handy and drummer Gene Jackson — balanced their 90-minute set between material from *The New Standard* (a selection of pop tunes by the likes of the Beatles, Sade, Simon and Garfunkel and Steely Dan) and more conventional, old standards. Cole Porter's *I Love You* and the Herzog/Kitchings classic forever associated with Billie Holiday, *Some Other Spring* represented the latter, Don Henley's *New York Minute* and Peter Gabriel's *Mercy Street* the former.

Those giveaway shoes were again right on the button, symbolically. Whereas the standards betrayed all the signs of jazz use and familiarity — among them hospitable chord sequences over which fluent soloing was possible and a conventional song structure facilitating, for instance, the swapping of solo duties during the middle eight — the new, while superficially attractive, pinched and rubbed when put to use. Their tunes were simply too jejune to accommodate sophisticated improvisation, their overall shape not at all conducive to the easy, free-flowing interplay essential to jazz exploration.

This is not to say that Hancock's quartet was seriously below par. There were many occasions when the great pianist reminded us that the sound of him suddenly peeling off from the rhythm section into a luminous, sparkling solo is one of the most distinctive and enjoyable in jazz. But one can question whether either his choice of material or the level of his onstage commitment to full-blooded extemporisation is what it once was.



Herbie Hancock: more star than musician these days

The singer Stacey Kent, raised on the music of Frank Sinatra and Nat "King" Cole, has undoubtedly been helped in garnering the sort of critical notices publicists dream about by the single-mindedness of her approach to her craft. But Monday night audiences at Ronnie Scott's are not widely celebrated for their willingness to be spellbound merely by a singer's integrity. They need to be drawn into the songs' emotional world, to feel they are being confided in.

Kent, with her crystal-clear diction, her warmth and intelligence and her unaffected stage manner, has the rare ability to live inside a lyric, to such an extent that it flows from her with all the ease and naturalness of informal conversation.

In her set-opener, *Comes Love*, for instance, she contrasted all the apparently easily remedied shocks flesh is heir to — rainstorms, burst tyres, toothaches, bailiffs — with the irresistible love of the title by employing precisely the mix of mock-rueful resignation masking joyful acceptance required by the lyric. The Gershwins' *They All Laughed* — another "list" song requiring its singer to convey unalloyed delight at requited love while delivering lyrics about the Rockefeller Center, Whitney's cotton gin and Hershey bars — came over with equally genuine sincerity, as did the Jimmy van Heusen/Sammy Cahn classic, *The Tender Trap*.

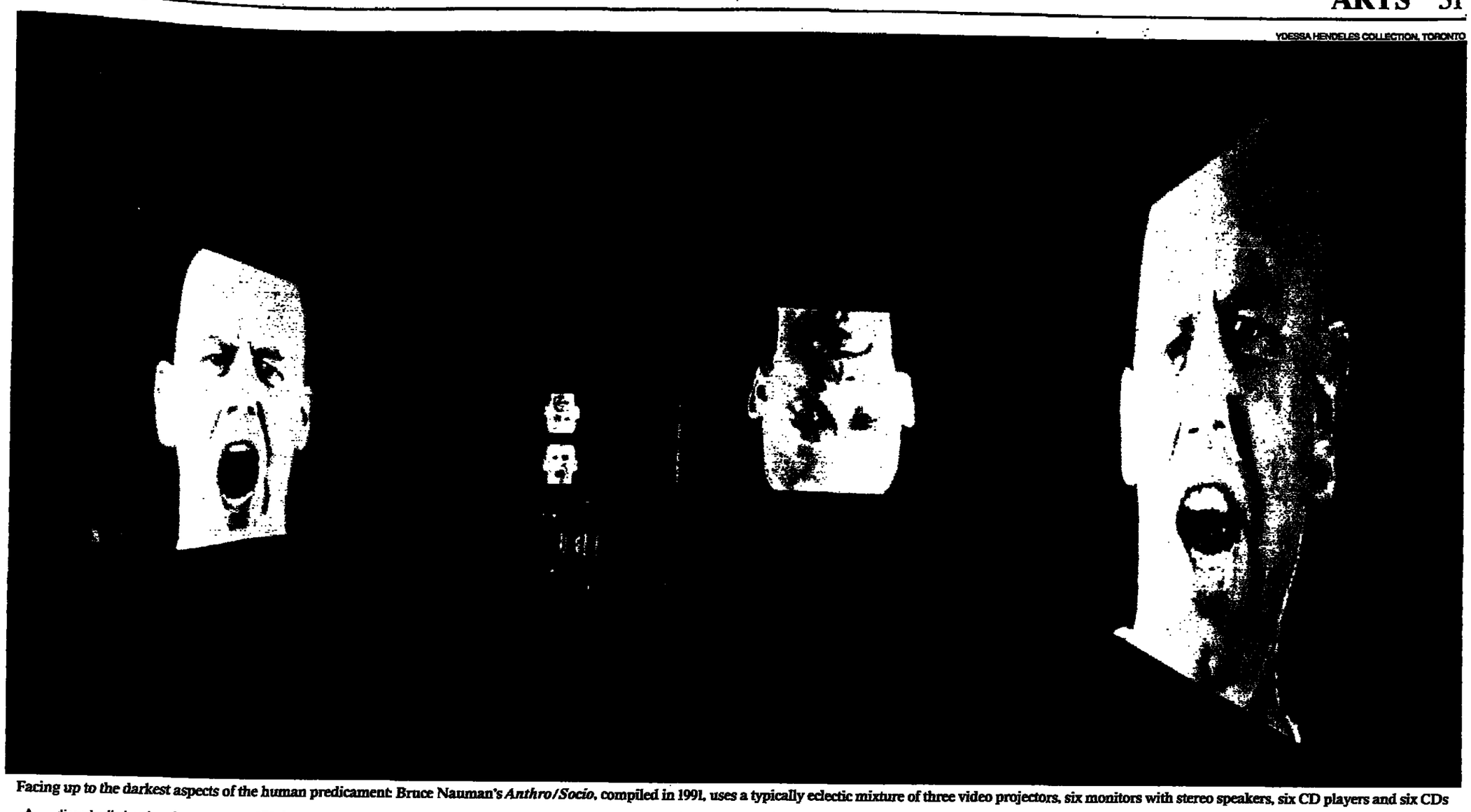
Although such bright, witty songs form the bedrock of her act, Kent is also a superb torch singer, imbuing slow-burners like Vincent Youmans's *More than You Know* or Berlin's *They Say It's Wonderful* with all the vulnerability they demand, while never slipping into sentimentality. Like the late Ella Fitzgerald, Kent has too much respect for her material to indulge herself at its expense. The Great American Song Book has seldom been in more sensitive, capable hands.

CHRIS PARKER

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YDESSA HENDELES COLLECTION, TORONTO

Facing up to the darkest aspects of the human predicament: Bruce Nauman's *Anthro/Socio*, compiled in 1991, uses a typically eclectic mixture of three video projectors, six monitors with stereo speakers, six CD players and six CDs

Strangeness in the night

GALLERIES: The Hayward's Bruce Nauman show reveals a bleak but highly original mind at work, **Richard Cork** writes

A disembodied voice, floating out of the Hayward Gallery and over the puddle-strewn concrete walkway beyond, shouts: "You are evil!" The words serve as an apt warning for the experiences on offer within. For Bruce Nauman, whose 30-year career is surveyed there, has no intention of shielding us from the bleakest aspects of the human predicament. By the time we emerge from this emotion-wrenching show Nauman ensures that we have been exposed to a gamut of powerful, unpredictable and often raw feelings about ourselves.

A multi-faceted individual, who leaps nimbly from one manner of working to another, Nauman has influenced younger artists in all kinds of ways. Damien Hirst and Rachel Whiteread are only the most prominent of the British practitioners who owe him debts, and yet he remains a tantalising, enigmatic figure who protects his privacy. Indiana-born, California-educated and now living on a 600-acre ranch in New Mexico, Nauman evades facile definition. Roaming with ease from sculpture to photography, from neon to video and much else, he is defiantly unclassifiable. And therein lies his appeal for a 1990s generation which also thrives on open-ended attitudes.

Not that he is admired simply for blurring the boundaries. Whatever medium he employs, Nauman commands respect for the potency of images at once uncompromisingly direct and difficult to pin down.

Part of his elusiveness stems from his unexpected, highly un-American, ironic humour. "Run from Fear," a neon work declares, confronting us as we move into the first large room. Like several of the phrases used elsewhere in Nauman's work, these three words were taken from a graffiti he came across by chance. But the note of urgency they sound here is undercut, immediately, by the wry variation he has added beneath: "Fun from Rear".

We find ourselves smiling at the laconic mixture of anxiety and playfulness summed up in this apparently straightforward exhibit. Nauman's use of neon-lit messages recalls advertising slogans, but the messages he conveys are so paradoxical that they could never be deployed in the hard-selling of a commercial product.

Sounds of a bellowing man pull our attention away, and we find images of the artist's own head confronting us in a darkened room. Some are small, relayed either inverted or the right way up on stacked monitors. Others are colossal, projected onto walls from machines casually supported by manufacturers' packing cases marked "laserdisc".

Nauman makes no attempt to disguise the technology he deploys. Its mechanics are openly displayed, as if we were witnessing a trial demonstration in the artist's own studio. Nothing prevents us from wandering around the space, or blocking the passage of light from the projector with our own bodies. This freedom draws us into the work: we almost become part of it.

But there are limits to this involvement. Staring at the artist's upside-down yellow face on the end wall, as monumental as a dictator's head yet emitting nothing more sinister than a low hum, we realise that the work stays at a remove and retains its aura of strangeness.

The longer we stay, the more disconcerting the show becomes. One small white room is empty, save for a lightbulb lodged in the ceiling. Then we hear breathing: spasmodic, urgent, and at times alarmingly reminiscent of puking. The man making the noise must be alone, muttering or even chanting to himself. According to the work's title, he is saying: "Get Out of My Mind, Get Out of This Room". But the words are inaudible, and after a while he sounds alarmingly deranged. Standing in the room is akin to being locked up with a lunatic, or a recluse unhinged by booze, drugs and the lack of anyone to talk to.

Nauman likes heightening our response to a work by channelling our bodies into spaces he has shaped. The most threatening is the Live-Taped Video Corridor, where we are invited to walk towards two monitors at the far end. So narrow that the walls brushed my shoulders on either side, the corridor only allows one visitor to make the journey at a time.

I found it intensely claustrophobic, and on the top monitor my own shadowy image was seen, from behind, moving towards the screen. On the monitor below, however, I was absent. Only the empty passage is visible here. I suddenly felt as if I did not exist.

Not that Nauman excludes himself from these ordeals. Opposite the corridor, a giant close-up image of the artist's face is projected on a wall. The camera travels in slow motion around his features, pausing as he thrusts a finger hard into his ear, his nose and, most disquietingly, his eye. He seems near to injuring himself, but his expression remains deadpan throughout.

Nauman cultivates a stoical expression whenever he appears in his own work. Near by, some early black-and-white videos are relayed on monitors, showing the young artist pacing a room, walking a circle or standing on one leg. His movements are as minimal as the sculpture he admired at the time, by Richard Serra and other American contemporaries.

The deftness of Nauman's gestures also reflects his involvement with experimental dance and music. Above all, though, he presents himself in these simple exercises as a lonely figure from a Beckett play, forever condemned to enact a series of rituals that seem both trance-like and pointless.

Nauman is fascinated by absurdity. In one slow-motion piece, a man is seen slipping up on a banana skin to fall, with jarring impact, on his back. Over and over again he tumbles, as though weirdly addicted to the silliness and humiliation involved. But he is not as childish as the clown who, in another projection, sits on the lavatory sighing, burping, leafing through a magazine, grabbing toilet paper and stuffing it between the pages, weeping, snoozing and picking at his teeth with a white gloved finger. Afflicted by a combination of tedium and acute anxiety, he seems to be undergoing a nervous crisis. But the monitors show him performing aggressively, yelling "no, no, no" at an unseen audience as he flails his arms, legs and ludicrous, outsize shoes.

All this bottled-up frustration explodes in a multi-screen work called *Violent Incident*. Our eyes are tugged from one monitor to the next, each presenting a moment from the struggle between a man and a woman. Initially polite, they degenerate with gruesome speed into murderous hatred. The whole conflict is, simultaneously, puerile and sickening. Fascinated by yoking together contradictory extremes, Nauman can convey his complex meanings as effectively with actors as he does with words.

But the most impressive work relies on colour and verbal elements. We encounter *One Hundred Live and Die* while approaching a short flight of stairs. Ahead of us, filling the wall below, are four vertical columns each containing 25 three-word phrases. At first, they remain dark apart from an isolated component, lit up in dazzling neon. "Suck and Die," says one, to be followed by "Rage and Live".

On and on they go, bouncing us from one end of existence to another. The spectrum of glowing hues is orchestrated with seductive flair, and when all 100 phrases are eventually illuminated they emblazon their surroundings with an incandescent richness. A desperate awareness of mortality is pitched here against a hunger for sensuous delight. Destruction and elation are held in a precarious balance, but the climactic eruption of luminosity ensures that the work ends in a resplendent state.

Upstairs, another outstanding installation projects the titanic shaven head of a man onto three walls of a blacked-out room. Although the words he shouts are hard to make out, a fundamental opposition between "feed me" and "eat me" does become clear. Individual words are, however, soon subsumed within a mesmeric chant. Demanding, fierce and stubbornly optimistic, this relentless yet energising mantra sums up Nauman's ability to stave off the perpetual advance of darkness.

● Bruce Nauman *(sponsored by Beck's) is at the Hayward Gallery, South Bank (0171-928 3144), until Sept 6*

John Russell Taylor on a show celebrating the art of Mary Seton Watts

Heroine of the Surrey potters



The Watts chapel: a wild fantasia of coloured reliefs

Suddenly the world seems to be crowded with forgotten heroines of art. Of course it is fashion which dictates that nowadays Sonia Delaunay should be regarded as "better" than Robert, Gwen John than Augustus, Emma Sandys than Frederick, and that it is only the patriarchy that has kept them in the shade of the adjacent man. But whether or not one believes in a male conspiracy, there is no doubt that really significant women artists have suffered from undue proximity to a male master, husband, brother or father. One of these is Mary Seton Watts, whose work is now celebrated in a solo exhibition at the Watts Gallery, Compton.

Mary Seton Fraser Tytler was born in India and brought up largely in Scotland. She first drifted into an artistic milieu when she got to know the photographer Julia Margaret Cameron: she and her sisters posed for Cameron's picture *Rosebud Garden of Girls* and Mary became her assistant, drawing the surrounds for her mounted photographs and making props for her.

In 1870, through Cameron, she met George Frederick Watts, "England's Michelangelo". He was 53; she was 21. A few years before Watts had been briefly married to the 16-year-old Ellen Terry: this time he was rather more circumspect. Mary continued her art studies in Dresden and Rome, and then at the Slade: she became Watts's student in 1876, and finally married him in 1886.

She was obviously of an independent and enterprising disposition, much interested in the craft side and social mission of art. In 1884, for instance, she had started clay-modelling classes for Whitechapel shoe-blacks. When the Watts moved to a newly built Arts and Crafts house near Guildford in 1891 it was natural that she should have a lot to do with the interior decoration, much of it modelled in plaster and gesso. Then, looking for something into which to channel her energies (other than looking after her husband), she started art classes in the village, teaching the locals to make terracotta gravestones and other decorative wares.

Out of this came her most important project, the mortuary chapel initiated in 1894 and completed just before Watts's death in 1904. It is just down the road from the house, now the Watts Gallery, and is the largest single exhibit in the rehabilitation process.

It is like nothing else in the country, terracotta on the outside, a wild three-dimensional fantasia of coloured reliefs within. The style can only be described as Celtic Art Nouveau, full of sinuous lines and intricate plant motifs, in which the human (or mostly superhuman) figures are embowered. The nearest comparison is with the murals of Phoebe Traquair, the subject of a similar revival in Edinburgh a couple of years back. Mary Watts knew Traquair and consulted her during the Compton project. The symbolism of the figures inevitably relates to George Frederick's hazily transcendental concepts, but stylistically there is actually little resemblance.

The chapel is certainly the masterwork. But the show at the Watts Gallery strongly backs it up with examples of Mary's painting, print-making, weaving and a whole repertoire of other Arts and Crafts activities. Probably still the most telling are those related to modelling and ceramics: the large plant pots in naked terracotta and the smaller painted figures and plaques made under her supervision, if not directly to her designs, by the Compton Potters' Arts Guild, are all intensely characteristic. She lived on until 1938, and the pottery she founded and shaped did not close until 1955. Unsung heroine indeed: gratifyingly more than a mere appendage to the more famous George Frederick.

● *Watts Gallery, Down Lane, Compton, Guildford, Surrey (01483 810235) until Sept 6*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

Londoners should be grateful to commercial galleries for surveying the work of senior artists who tend to be ignored by public galleries because they are not big enough names. *John Russell Taylor writes.* **Josef Herman**, for instance. There are currently two interlocking shows of his work which, taken together, constitute a remarkably comprehensive retrospective. They mark no particular occasion — he is at the awkwardly in-between age of 87 — but both shows clearly spring from a real affection for Herman's special gifts, so that vital loans have been winkled out and scholarly, beautifully illustrated catalogues published for both.

Herman is one of those artists that people have a strong stereotype of: he is the one that does dark, hulking drawings of Welsh miners and, later, Spanish peasants. The dignity of toil and all that. Very commendable and socially conscious — and also immediately recognisable. But possibly a little limited and monotonous?

That notion is knocked firmly on the head by these shows. There are, of course, drawings and watercolours which answer the description, but also evidence of a greater variety of approach and subject-matter than one would ever have thought possible.

To begin with, it is salutary to see so many of Herman's major oils. His approach to the medium is without parallel in British art, the comparison that immediately springs to mind being with the Flemish Expressionists and particularly Permeke.

One might wonder how an artist who came as an émigré from Poland to Britain, settling here in 1940, could possibly know of such art. The answer emerges from the biographical details in the catalogues: he stopped off in Belgium for two years on the way. The influence, or rather like-mindedness, is most evident in the big oils of miners and industrial workers at the Boundary Gallery, the best dating from the war years.

Very dark, very glum, you might say. But in fact one of Herman's most outstanding gifts is his use of colour. When we talk about colourists we usually think of Matisse and bright colour. Herman can use brilliant reds or blues as well as any. But none can come near him in the subtlety with which he evokes the warm and friendly dark, the rich glows which suffuse the night sky in summer, the light of distant fires.

For this reason he is also one of the great flower painters. All his flower paintings are simple, just a vase of flowers such as yellow or red tulips boldly outlined against a darkish background. And yet the form and pattern fall absolutely right. The Flowers East show features these and many other aspects of his work, including strong nudes, some finely abstracted watercolours of trees, and the recent monumental *Human Moment* triptych (1993-97).

It also has some revealing early work, such as *My Family & I* (1940), which reminisces about Jewish family life in Warsaw in a style suggestive of Mane-Katz, and a 1946 *Self-Portrait* which looks slightly like Jawlensky. These may be the roads not travelled, but looking at the road Herman took instead, who can find fault with his choice?

● *Flowers East at London Fields, 282 Richmond Road, E8 (0181-985 3333), until Aug 2. Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (0171-624 1126) until Aug 2*

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RECOMMENDED TODAY

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

BBC PROMS: The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis plays Elgar, Bruch and Vaughan Williams and a new work by Julian Anderson (7pm). At 10pm David Pountney directs a staged performance of John Harle's new one-act opera, *Angel Magick*. The composer conducts Fretwork and the Barbaus Band. Albert Hall (0171-589 8212). 🅂

MANON: Principal ballerina Viviana Durante is partnered by Irek Mukhamedov and William Trevitt in tonight's Royal Ballet performance of Kenneth MacMillan's dramatic and sensuous *Manon* (7.30pm). A matinee performance (2pm) has Sarah Wildor in the title role. Coliseum (0171-632 8300). 🅂

2.5 MINUTE RIDE: American performance artist Lisa Kron, celebrated for her ability to join pathos with hilarity, presents her one-woman show about her family. Pit, Barbican (0171-638 8891). Opens tonight, 7pm. Until August 1.

OTRA TEMPESTAD: (Another Tempest) — Shakespeare, Caribbean and Latin American traditions combine in Teatro Buendia's production from Cuba. One week. Shakespeare's Globe, SE1 (0171-316 4703). Opens tonight, 8pm. Until July 26.

SHORT BAC AND SIDES: The annual pre-Edinburgh comedy fortnight: performances in the main house and both studios. Up to six acts each evening. BAC, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tonight-August 6, various times. 🅂

ELSEWHERE

CHESTER: One of the foremost chamber choirs in Britain, the Corydon Singers, visits the festival with a programme of sacred music performed in the atmospheric surroundings of Chester Cathedral. Founder/director Matthew Best leads his choir in Tchaikovsky's *Liturgy of St John Chrysostom* and Rachmaninov's *Vespers*. Festival Box Office: (01244 320 700). Tonight, 7.30pm.

OXFORD: The Almeida Theatre's tour of George Bernard Shaw's *The Doctor's Dilemma* plays here until Saturday. A splendid cast includes Victoria Hamilton, Patsy Byrne, Tony Britton, Martin Jarvis and Ian McDiarmid. Michael Grandage directs. Playhouse (01865 798600). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂



A *Proms premiere for John Harle's Angel Magick*

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☐ **RICHARD III:** Exhilarating two-person version by Oddbodies, with live drumming. Lyric Studio, W6 (0181-741 8701/2311). 🅂

☐ **AFTER DARWIN:** Timberlake Wertenbaker's excellent play, casting light on moralities old and new. Lindsay Posner directs Jason Watkins as Darwin and Michael Feast as Captain Fitzroy of the Beagle. Hampstead Theatre, NW3 (0171-722 9301)

☐ **HERAKLES:** Rarely performed Euripides, played in traverse style in the late Kenneth McLeish's translation. Nick Philippou directs. Gate, W11 (0171-229 0706).

■ **OKLAHOMA!** The landmark musical stars Josefina Gabrielle, Hugh Jackman and Maureen Lipman as Aunt Eller. Trevor Nunn directs. National Theatre (Olivier) (0171-452 3000).

☐ **SUGAR SUGAR:** Simon Bent's new Scarborough sex drama, short on plot but bursting with character. Bush, W12 (0181-743 3388)

■ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND:** Lloyd-Webber's new musical, relocated to America's Bible Belt, divided the critics but audiences are happy. Stars Marcus Lovett and Lottie Mayor. Gale Edwards directs. Aldwych, (0171-416 6003).

☐ **SHAKESPEARE'S VILLAINS:** Steven Berkoff's one-man show of many villains. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800)

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the best movies

NEW RELEASES

BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE (U): Bland and wispy adventures of Barney the friendly purple dinosaur; great for very small children. With Trevor Morgan, Diana Rice, and a man in a big furry suit. Director, Steve Gomer.

GODZILLA (PG): The giant lizard trashes Manhattan in a horribly cold and brutal blockbuster. With Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno, and Maria Pitillo. Director, Roland Emmerich.

THE LITTLE MERMAID (U): Revival of Disney's bright and busy animated fairy- tale about mermaid who longs to be human. Acceptable family fare.

LIFE IS ALL YOU GET (18): Engaging, feet-footed German comedy about love, unemployment and dysfunctional family life in Berlin. With Jurgen Vogel and Christiane Paul. Director, Wolfgang Becker.

THE THIEF (15): Absorbing, semi-comic Russian drama about a young boy's life in the 1950s with his single mother and a substitute father, a thief. Directed by Pavel Chukhrai.

CURRENT

GREASE (PG): John Travolta struts again at Rydell High in this revival of the 1978 movie based on the stage success. Not quite a golden oldie, but good fun for pop culture vultures. With Olivia Newton-John. Director, Randal Kleiser.

KISS OR KILL (18): Fresh Australian treatment of the old story about the outlaw couple on the run, full of unexpected humour and sharp characterisations. Bill Bennett directs Matt Day and Frances O'Connor.

KURT & COURTNEY (15): Contentious documentary by Nick Broomfield exploring the lives of rock star Kurt Cobain and his feisty widow Courtney Love.

MOJO (15): Thugs and rock'n'roll in late 1950s Soho. Small beer for cinemas, though Jez Butterworth's film of his own stage hit boasts fine performances from Ian Hart, Ewen Bremner and Harold Pinter.

SIX DAYS SEVEN NIGHTS (12): Cargo plane pilot Harrison Ford is thrown together on a deserted island with neurotic magazine editor Anne Heche. Tolerable but forgettable romantic comedy, directed by Ivan Reitman.

SLING BLADE (15): Powerful portrait of a mentally deficient man trying to blend into ordinary life after 20 years behind bars for killing his mother. Riveting performance by Billy Bob Thornton, who also directs.

THEATRE: The pick of the latest New York shows, reviewed by **Ed Karam**

Bard on Broadway

Broadway's first openings of the season are setting high standards. The hottest ticket in town is Lincoln Center's sumptuous **Twelfth Night** starring Helen Hunt, fresh from winning an Oscar, as Viola in Nicholas Hytner's *first Shakespeare production* in eight years.

Catherine Zuber's costumes mix Iberia and India, locating Illyria around Portuguese Goa, to judge from the high comb and lace mantilla Kyra Sedgwick's Olivia wears until she discards her mourning for a harem outfit. Meanwhile, Paul Rudd's bare-chested Orsino and his languid courtiers loll in violet, bejewelled caftans, whimpering and curling up like children when Curio asks if they wish to hunt.

Bob Crowley has flooded the Beaumont's vast upstage and crisscrossed it with piers, implying a city built on atolls. Hytner uses the water in sexy ways. Orsino waits passively by a downstage pool for Hunt's apprehensive Cesario to strip off his robe and sarong. Later on, Rick Stear's dashing Sebastian takes a post-coital dip with Olivia.

As Viola, Hunt exudes decency and charm. She and Rudd generate enormous sexual tension as they talk about wooing, and he impulsively begins untying Cesario's cravat. Typical of Hytner's impressive attention to detail, that erotic ambiguity is sustained even after the reconciliation.

The only mis-steps are a tedious Feste and modern settings that spoil the great songs. Perhaps Olivia's countess should not wrestle Cesario to the ground in a fit of lust, although it hints at an emotional kinship with Brian Murray's rascally Sir Toby that gives rein to his antics. The tragic dignity of Philip Bosco's bedraggled yet magisterial Malvolio may be a necessary check on them both.

Meanwhile, at the Roundabout, Warren Leight's **Side Man** conjures up the twilight world of jazz musicians from 1953 to 1985. "Your kid has great rope," Jonesy, ex-junkie and horn player, tells his colleague Gene. For Robert Sella's wounded Cliff, such comments from his father's friends are routine: what can you say when an ex-junkie compliments your veins?

Leight's memory play is an elegy for the Big Band era and a poignant recollection of two incompetent parents who can't live with each other, and the son who eventually has to choose between them. "The rocks in her head fit the holes in his," Cliff announces early on, and indeed, Wendy Makkena's naive mom Terry has no clue that what the musicians smoke is not inferior tobacco, or, worse, that Frank Wood's Gene is a virtual idiot savant, spottily sentient unless he is blowing his trumpet.

Leight and director Michael Mayer have expertly captured the ambience of easy drugs, alcoholic fights and calls to the police. One night, after years of frustration, Terry asks Kevin Geer's amusingly raffish Jonesy whether he thinks Gene will make it big.

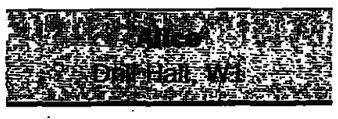
"He's made it," says Jonesy. "This is it." It is an unexpectedly harrowing moment in a play saturated with pain.



CAROL ROSEGG

The Oscar-winner Helen Hunt is Viola in Nicholas Hytner's sumptuous *Twelfth Night*

Later than you think



Adapters have squeezed Lewis Carroll's beady-eyed heroine through some unlikely wringers before now but few of her journeys have been as bewildering as the one Noel Greig makes her take inside a computer. I wish I had understood more of what happened to her there. I wish I had cared more about what I did understand.

The cast of this co-production by Graeae Theatre Company, Nottingham Playhouse and Roundabout Theatre in Education includes some disabled players and is described as being suitable for primary school children and imaginative adults. They should also be computer literate, or Greig's puns on bytes and chips and menus will pass them by, and they will need some knowledge of the original tale.

The cast are game performers but some voices are not easy to comprehend, and the style of playing has to be termed Squawk Acting, with its emphasis on size before subtlety. An exception is Mandy Colleran's Alice, a perky lass who zips about the stage in her chair and sounds as if she were reared in Dora Bryan's home town. She also has an engaging trick of rolling her eyes to indicate disbelief.

For reasons unclear this Alice becomes separated from a tour exploring the theatre and finds herself trapped inside Computerland. Here she must outwit opponents on a succession of levels or lose her head. Sometimes other characters help, at other times hinder, but since they all know that her failure means the system will crash and they will be dispatched to the dustbin their opposition remains incomprehensible.

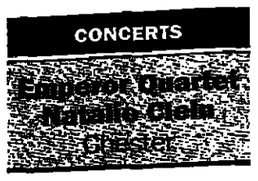
The dustbin, a wall of drawers (why?) and a giant screen are the dominant features of the drab set, and though the Queen, Duchess and Mad Hatter are colourfully kitted out, the scuffed blue fatigues they wear at other times do not invite the eye to linger. The Caterpillar's pipe is a clarinet — no *illicit substances* for primary school children — and perhaps the same caution prevents an obvious pun involving the Dormouse, lest the audience go home and dunk their computer mouse in a teapot.

The high jinks at the tea party were well received, but the Cook and the Cheshire Cat outstay their welcome, and the material is just too disordered to make a coherent show. Geoff Bullen and Jenny Sealey are credited as directors but unless I am mistaken in what makes a show accessible for primary schools, let alone imaginative adults, this *Alice* is really in a hole.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Festival quality and quantity

CONCERTS



The Chester Summer Music Festival, which is this year celebrating its 21st struggle for survival, would like more money, obviously. But imaginative artistic direction, together with a shrewd ear for quality among the younger and less expensive soloists and chamber groups, can make up for more than a little. A characteristic day in Chester saw the Emperor String Quartet in St John's Church at lunchtime and Natalie Clein with Charles Owen in the Town Hall in the evening. And though neither ensemble has more than four years' experience on the professional circuit, it would have been difficult to find more interesting events of the same kind anywhere else.

In fact, it is not possible to play Stravinsky's *Three Pieces* for String Quartet very much better than the Emperor played them on this occasion. The central Little Tich impersonation was particularly vivid but colouring was no less judiciously applied in the outer pieces, and idiomatic understanding was stylishly in place throughout.

Where there is more than marginal room for improvement is in the interpretation of Schubert's Quartet in A minor. While technical accomplishment was no less impressive here than in the Stravinsky, the emotional relationship with the music was often too relaxed. It is true that there must be room for the accumulation of tension, and the dramatic temperature did rise perceptibly at a late stage in three of the four movements. But, in a work as anxious as this, the tension must be apparent from the start, in the precise emphasis of the rhythms and in the balance of the harmonies, if subsequent developments are to make their effect.

In her evening recital Natalie Clein took just a little time to settle her nerves and adjust her cello intonation to the same pitch level as that of the piano. After that the problems were caused not so much by any technical failure on her or Charles Owen's part as by an acoustic which discourages the balance and blend of the two instruments. Britten's Cello Sonata in C was intelligently played by both partners, but every so often the piano sound seemed to be magnified at the expense of the cello line and the point of Britten's textural calculations was obscured.

Somehow, however, after the interval, they did come to equal terms in Rachmaninov's Sonata in G minor — where one might have thought that the indulgent piano writing would cause still more problems — and the cellist was able to concentrate on what she does best.

GERALD LARNER

War and peace



Nicholas Daniel, Richard Hickox and the City of London Sinfonia were to have given the first performance of an Oboe Concerto by Nigel Osborne at the Cheltenham Festival five years ago. *Gerald Larner writes.* Presumably because the composer had only recently started on more urgent work, on his rehabilitation mission in Sarajevo, the score did not materialise. Now however — just in time to make Osborne the last of the 50-year-old composers to be given a birthday cake on the platform of Cheltenham Town Hall — an Oboe Concerto has emerged.

What Daniel played on this occasion was surely very different from the work he would have played in 1993. It carries the marks of Osborne's experiences in Bosnia-Herzegovina all over it, most clearly in the abstract first movement, which is dedicated to the memory of a Mostar flautist colleague and based on themes derived by cypher from his and other significant names.

But there is a deeply thoughtful quality, including painful silences, in both the outer movements. If it is not a concerto many oboists would want to play — and even if they did, the furious activity in the central *Wild Bird* movement and the sustained lines at the upper extreme in the final *Hieroglyph* would surely put them off — it is one that entrusts the oboe with a far heavier expressive responsibility than it is used to.

Although not many oboe pieces could adequately occupy a programme position between Mozart's early G minor Symphony, K183, and Haydn's *Mass in the Time of War* (the so-called *Nelson Mass*), Osborne's Concerto was in well-chosen company here. It was all the more appropriate that Richard Hickox, obviously not lacking confidence in the abilities of the Joyful Company of Singers, took such a briskly dramatic view of the Haydn Mass.

The soprano soloist, Judith Howarth, was clearly distressed by something in the opening Kyrie — probably more the tessitura of the part than Hickox's tempo — but she recovered to make a useful contribution, with the excellent chorus and the other soloists, to a thoroughly distinctive interpretation.

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Do you know the rules?

James Morton explains why it's easy for solicitors to slip up when they have to deal with clients — and how to stick to the rules

The recent troubles of Jane Hickman, a North London solicitor who took a pair of jeans into a prison on behalf of a client only to be arrested for her pains, show the dangers faced by those who practise criminal law. Quite properly, she had taken the clothing to the prison officers rather than direct to her client when she arrived and, in turn, they found a small amount of cannabis in a pocket, of which she had no knowledge.

It is easy to say: "Whenever was taking clothes into prison a part of a solicitor's work?" But if a solicitor undertaking criminal cases wants to establish a rapport with a client, such gestures go a long way to help. There must be few solicitors who regularly practise criminal law who have not done such favours for clients and their families over the years; mostly, without such disastrous consequences.

There are professional conduct guides published by the Law Society, but most of the difficult decisions arise on the spot. The best thing to say when a client asks a favour is to reply: "It depends on what it is." If only I had said that several years ago I would not have found myself in possession of a building society passbook which a police search of my client had failed to reveal because it was then *intra-rectum*.

If you are obliged to refuse when details of the favour are revealed, you lose face with the client. You are, as Roger Ede of the Law Society says, "working with people whose moral code is not your own and who may consider to be acceptable things that the courts would not. Solicitors take risks day in and day out and get very little credit."

But clients are often not averse to compromising those who are trying to help them.

There is a slippery slope down which solicitors and barristers may slide. The first rule is never to accept any invitation from a criminal client, even to lunch in a greasy spoon. And no matter much they entreat you to be best man, it does the professional image little good to be photographed at weddings with men in mohair suits, Havanas in mouths, and flashing a lot of gold jewellery. Another step down the slope is accepting presents. Even in these hard times a "big drink" on an acquittal to supplement inadequate legal aid fees is not on; nor is the £500 private interview before a client signs a legal aid form.

Solicitors may not invent a defence, something the police and TV scriptwriters suspect they do of an evening instead of the crossword. I regard the thought as rather insulting.

If I could not have dreamed up better stories than my clients did, I would have considered my education wasted.

Some solicitors do help out. I had a client accused of a long-term fraud (buying goods on credit, then selling them for cash at a big discount before taking a world cruise) or LF as it is known in the trade. He had been to see another solicitor before me. "What's your name?" the lawyer had asked. "John Smith," replied my client. "LF is it?" asked the solicitor. And when my client nodded, he queried, speculatively: "Too late for a fire, then?"

Nor, however badly you believe your client has treated you, may you go public and denounce him or her, as did Elaine Whitfield-Sharp, Louise Woodward's lawyer. Pre-trial statements on the court steps declaiming your client's total innocence may be part of the cut and thrust of American criminal cases but they are seriously frowned on here. As for the case itself, must you do exactly what your client wishes? It is clear that in an English court an advocate is free to present the case as he or she wishes.

So what about everyone's favourite question for lawyers at dinner parties? How do you defend someone you know is guilty? The answer is you very rarely *know*. You may seriously suspect but that is a wholly different matter. You are not the judge and jury. You must defend as best you can. You cannot say: "I think he's guilty so I won't try as hard as if I thought he were innocent." But what if the client says: "I was on the robbery but let's say I was in Birmingham"? Within certain fairly complicated rules you are entitled to allow him to plead not guilty and to make the prosecution prove its case, but as a general rule it is not a good idea.

You cannot call your client or witnesses to say he was not on the raid. The experienced client will rarely put his solicitor in that position, but if he does the safest thing is to say that now you know of his guilt he must either plead guilty or go to another solicitor.

By the time he reaches that man's office, he will no doubt have learnt the rules of the game.

● *The author, now Editor-in-Chief of the* New Law Journal, *was a defence solicitor for more than 30 years.*

Listening to the Lords on crime

Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, and **Seán McConville** argue that the Home Secretary would be wise to accept non-political policy advice

The House of Lords this week has a chance to display its limited muscle to act as an independent revising chamber when the Crime and Disorder Bill returns from the Commons. The Lords originally inserted a clause in the Bill which would create an independent standing body to advise the Home Secretary on Crime and Punishment. The Commons removed it. Now Lord Ackner, the retired Law Lord who promoted the original amendment, is urging the Lords to reinstate it.

The idea behind an advisory group is to take penal policy out of party politics. The idea is not new. In 1944, Herbert Morrison set up an Advisory Council on the Treatment of Offenders (ACTO). In 1963 ACTO was supplanted when the Conservative administration set up a Royal Commission on the Penal System. That body was dissolved in 1966, largely because it was overtaken by the criminal justice plans of the incoming Labour administration. The then Labour Home Secretary, Roy (now Lord) Jenkins, set up the Advisory Council on the Penal System (ACPS) which, until it was abolished under the Thatcher axe of 1980, was an important influence in penal policymaking. In 1993, Lord Windlesham wrote: "No incoming Home Office minister, least of all William Whitelaw, nor the official advising him, would have contemplated abolishing the ACPS which enjoyed unusual authority."



Straw: reluctant to hear advice

But those were unusual times. Through the 1980s, incoming Home Secretaries were propelled into populist policies and later (in the 1990s) unhelpful rhetoric. The Ackner amendment was prompted by the desire to depoliticise debates about crime and punishment. When Lord Ackner's amendment was first debated on March 31, two former Home Secretaries — Lord Jenkins and Lord Hurd — voted in favour. Four former Home Office junior ministers — Lord Renton, Earl Jellicoe, Lord Taverne and Lord Elton — supported recreating the ACPS with a wider remit to take in the whole of the criminal process, from criminal investigation to penal sanctions and discharge from custody. The judiciary in the Lords gave its support. The Lord Chief Justice and several Law Lords have a keen interest in such a body, into which the Bill's provision for a sentencing advisory panel would fit neatly. What then can there be against re-establishing a non-partisan expert body that would advise on specific topics and monitor and interpret all relevant criminological research?

The objections of the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, to such a proposal are puzzling. His two main points are that he lacks no amount of advice from existing bodies and that another body, covering criminal justice and the penal system, could be a brake on swift and tough action on crime.

The notion of delay should be no bar. As and when the Home Secretary refers a topic to his advisory body, he could specify a deadline. An advisory body is capable of submitting an interim report on an urgent topic. There are other topics suitable only for thorough deliberation and investigation, not limited by political deadlines. The fact that such a study is under way can reduce the political temperature. Far too many criminal justice policies of the past have been constructed on the hoof. None of the existing bodies is equipped to give over-arching advice on criminal justice and the penal system, or is independent of government. The Home Secretary tacitly acknowledges the absence of an ACTO or an ACPS (with extended terms of reference). At some stage he had been proffering to Lord Ackner and his supporters the compromise of giving the Criminal Justice Consultative Council a remit to tender advice. But that body, which includes three permanent secretaries of government departments, and criminal justice professionals, is a forum for all the agencies in criminal justice to iron out the *practical* wrinkles.

From the recommendation of the Woolf report on Prison Disturbances in 1991 to produce multi-agency solutions to every-day problems, it was never envisaged as an *independent* and authoritative advisory body on policy in criminal justice and the penal system. The response to problems of crime and punishment may have accelerated since the 1970s, but the Ackner amendment can provide the mechanism to produce sound policies for the 21st century.

Beating the hacks

VISITORS to *The Lawyer* website last week were confronted by a "news flash". The magazine had got wind — a few days ahead of the national media — of a scheduled appearance by Gary Streeter, a Tory Shadow Cabinet member, before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, which took place last Thursday.

The paper — rather than wait for everybody else to run the story before its next issue — posted the story on its website.

Silk is cheap

CONFIRMATION that the silk system is a quality service comes from an answer given by Geoffrey Hoon, the Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, to a written question last week.

Asked about the cost of processing silk applications, he revealed that the annual bill to the LCD amounted to £117,236 — or £230 per applicant. Still, small beer compared with the average cost of putting up a judge and his clerk in a judicial lodging for a day which, Mr Hoon said, was £615.18.

Ideas man

NEIL ADDISON, the former senior Crown Prosecutor and critic of the Crown Prosecution Service, seems to be the only person admitting that he is going for the job of next Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Mr Addison would certainly have a few ideas. He was the author last week of a Fabian Society pamphlet urging a unified Ministry of Justice — bringing the police, CPS, probation and prison services under one roof.

As for the CPS, he believes it should be removed from the civil service and the DPP given quasi-judicial status.

● *Tony Blair has lent his support to the brochure for the sports law seminar being held on July 24 by the African, Caribbean and Asian Lawyers Group (Jerry Garvey 0171-320 5873) and attracting speakers such as Frank Sinclair and Eddie Newton. And Old Square Chambers is hosting a seminar today on environmental law — appropriately at the Forest Dining Rooms, Small Street, Bristol.*

Close shave?

THE VICTORS in last week's Law Society elections — Michael, Robert Sayer, and Kamlesh Bahl — have promised a radical review of the Law Society. However, there is one change that is too radical for Mr Mathews, the new president: the removal of his "mutton-chop" whiskers. Asked at his victory press conference whether he planned to shave them, the answer was a firm "no". He might, he ventured, celebrate the end of his year with a shave.

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New Aussie soap shock

GEOFFREY Robertson, QC, makes a guest appearance in the Australian soap, *Home and Away*, this week. He is appearing as himself, in his part-time role as an assistant recorder. And, he proudly boasted last week, he delivered all his lines in one take.

The Australian-born barrister, who was attending the 25th-anniversary party of the chambers of Sibghat Kadri, QC — the first multi-racial chambers to open in Britain — suggested to Garry Hart, Lord Irvine of Lairg's policy adviser, that he could do worse than to get a few judges — even the Lord Chancellor — to make the odd guest apperance in soaps.



Some of *Home and Away*'s cast. Inset: surprise guest

It was, after all, one idea that emerged from recent Home Office research showing that the public had a very distorted image of the criminal justice system.

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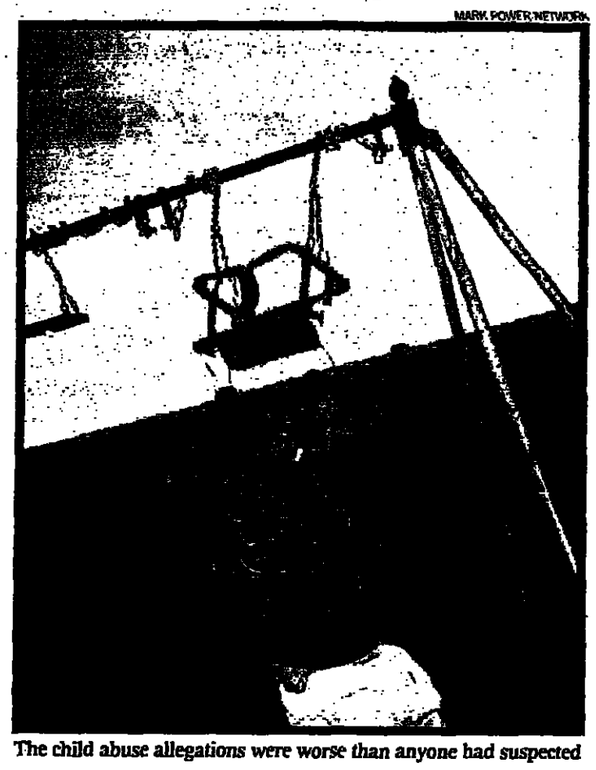
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Roger Dobson talks to Gerard Elias, QC, about a harrowing year's work

'We cannot tolerate abuse of children'

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The child abuse allegations were worse than anyone had suspected

Gerard Elias was preparing for a family holiday in France when the call came. The judicial inquiry into abuse of children in care in North Wales was being set up and the Treasury Solicitor, the head of the government legal service, wanted to know whether the QC, a veteran of 130 or so murder trials, would act as senior counsel.

"I had no hesitation," he says. "My recent background had been in criminal work and I had no major inquiry experience, but it was made clear that they wanted someone who could handle the scale of the work . . . the Government was asking me to take on an inquiry that had been invested with very great powers. It was impossible to turn down."

He was initially sceptical about the volume of complaints, a scepticism that has since been replaced by a passion for radically changing Britain's care system.

The inquiry, convening in Ewloe, near Mold, was set up two years ago, under the chairmanship of the former Family Division judge Sir Ronald Waterhouse, to look at years of allegations about sexual and physical abuse of children in care in Gwynedd and Clwyd.

Mr Elias says: "The inquiry was so unlike any other because its remit was so broad. The *Bowbelle* inquiry (after the collision on the Thames in 1989 with the *Marchioness*) was concerned with why and how people had died — but the issue could be tied to an event on one day. But in our inquiry we were dealing with 85 children's homes, 12,000 children, several hundred allegations of abuse and a time frame of not one day but 23 years. There was a wall of evidence that never stopped coming at you, right up to the last day."

His job and that of his team, Ernest Ryder, QC, and Gregory Treverton-Jones, was to investigate and interrogate.

Mr Elias, who had just concluded a successful prosecution in the Sophie Hook murder trial, soon realised that his role would be a mammoth job. "The first few weeks were spent getting to grips with what was involved: how many files, how many children, how many homes, how many allegations, how many alleged abusers . . . "

Early on, the inquiry decided to create an investigative team of former police officers.

"The scale of the operation was enormous," Mr Elias says. "We had 9,500 files brought to us and the statements of 2,500 children who had been seen during an earlier police investigation. We went through much of this material and 650 were identified as potential complainants to be interviewed by the investigative team. We also carried out interviews based on a random selection of files."

While the team was reading up on 23 years of North Wales childcare, the publicity surrounding the tribunal prompted people to come forward. The roles played by the police, the Welsh Office, social service managers and the insurers also had to be investigated. Then there was the question of the existence or not of organised paedophile rings and of the alleged involvement of well-known public figures and the question of whether or not there were still problems with the care system.

His highly charged opening speech revealed for the first time the extent of the abuse problem in North Wales — more than 250 former children in care were scheduled to give evidence.

"No civilised society may tolerate abuse of its children," he says. "The content, volume and consistency of statements made by complaints appears impressive. If they are accepted by the tribunal, they may compel the conclusion that children in care were abused physically or sexually on a scale which borders on wholesale exploitation."

The inquiry did have an effect on him. Cynicism about the volume of complaints gave way to surprise at the determination of people to come forward after so many years. "Maybe," he says, "it was because they at last felt they had an opportunity to be listened to; something they had not had before."

What he and his team unearthed and what they heard in the 14 months of evidence-gathering led them to draw up a large number of recommendations for change in the care system.

Among reforms they suggest for the tribunal's consideration are independent inspections of children's homes. He says: "We feel passionately that there needs to be some independent inspection system for children in care. The present processes do not protect the child against an unwarranted move or pressure from others."

WHAT WILL THE MINISTER BE TOLD?

☐ The Waterhouse tribunal is due to make its recommendations to Ron Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales, at the end of the summer. The recommendations made to the tribunal by Mr Elias and his team in his closing speech included:

- An independent complaints system;
- A central vetting agency for staff;
- Independent inspections of homes;
- A new employment duty to report all complaints and for all employees to volunteer any knowledge they have.

Payback time for accident victims

Bill Braithwaite, QC, praises the House of Lords for overturning a Court of Appeal decision

A campaign that has spanned two decades has at last achieved financial justice for accident victims. Until last week, plaintiffs in personal injury cases were expected to gamble with their financial settlement in order to finance the cost of future loss and care. the House of Lords has just overturned a Court of Appeal decision by ruling that lump sum compensation payments should be based on a rate of return of 2.5 to 3 per cent. Before this decision, courts calculated settlements on a rate of return of 4.5 per cent, which judges decided could be achieved if the plaintiff invested in equities. It means that damages awards in hundreds of cases where courts take account of future losses will be increased — by 40 per cent in the biggest awards.

I spend my life travelling the country seeing people who have been severely injured and it is depressing that there are many aspects of our compensation system that are unsatisfactory. Today we are one huge step closer to delivering justice to accident victims.

Victims such as Margaret Westmoquette, whose life was shattered when an off-duty police officer, driving with extreme recklessness, crashed into the car she was driving. Her husband, an Anglican vicar, who was sitting beside her, died instantly. She was almost dead, yet despite losing both legs, an arm and suffering burns to 40 per cent of her body, she pulled through.

For Mrs Westmoquette, this was just the start of a four-year legal struggle for the financial compensation that would allow her to rebuild her life and continue to care for her two children. The battle ended this year in a London courtroom when she won £1.5 million. Thanks to the Lords, the settlement will be increased when her case goes to the appeal court later this year. The judgment is a victory for Mrs Westmoquette and thousands of accident victims whose cases have yet to be settled. Formerly, the money, on which victims depend, was to be gambled on the equity market.

The loss of even a small part of a plaintiff's lump sum could spell disaster. If, for example, it has been carefully calculated that £100,000 is needed each year to pay for care, that requirement is fixed. A diminution of the capital could mean any of the catastrophic effects that shortage of money could have on a paralysed or brain-damaged individual.

The broader picture reveals that we still have a long way to go in settling personal injury cases in a way does not humiliate and torment the victims.

Since being discharged from hospital, Mrs Westmoquette has endured being housed in a guest house where inappropriate facilities forced her to eat in a public bar, despite her horrendous injuries; living for months in a council house without a bath or shower and fighting defence solicitors who would not even admit that the police officer at the wheel was responsible for the accident, thus drawing out the whole legal process.

Finally, the case was brought to court. Presided over by a judge who showed great humanity towards the plaintiff, Mrs Westmoquette sat impassively while the insurer's barrister argued over every pound and penny. Her teenage children were not the only ones to look embarrassed when counsel suggested she would be saving money on tights now that she had no legs.

A popular view is that defects in the personal injury litigation system are caused by the lawyers and that if the courts were allowed to manage the litigation, everything would run smoothly. My experience is that court management of litigation is poor. I am not criticising the judges but I am criticising the system.



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Before proceedings are ever commenced, I firmly believe that there should be an early discussion of issues on the basis that, if agreement is not possible, arbitration could be the solution of choice.

There have been all sorts of suggestions over the past couple of years as to how we could make things better. I believe that the remedy lies in the hands of good practitioners. The time has come for us to question the court system and work together to create our own. Only then will people such as Mrs Westmoquette be spared the humiliating process of sitting in a public court while be-wigged officials argue over every penny. Meanwhile, we should be grateful for small mercies and applaud the House of Lords for a decision that goes a long way to delivering justice to accident victims.

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Revenue warning over new tax regime

A WARNING that the Inland Revenue will take a tough line on self-assessment for companies has come from Pannell Kerr Forster, the chartered accountant.

The new regime was introduced this month and Sheena Sullivan, a tax expert at Pannell, says the Revenue is preparing to launch more investigations and will examine material in more detail.

She says: "Just as the onus is now on individuals to calculate their tax, corporate taxpayers will also be solely responsible for assessing their tax correctly. It is vital that companies take a good look at their systems and put their house in order in advance of a Revenue audit."

The Revenue will deploy up to 2,000 more staff to counter tax evasion and avoidance. Steps that can be taken to avoid trouble include:

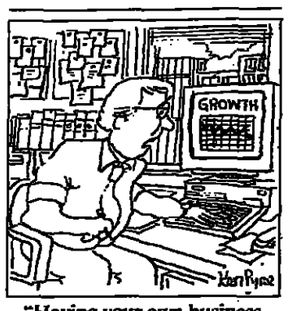
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☐ Identify any areas of weakness where systems and procedures could come under attack from the authorities.

☐ Be sure that your arguments can be defended.

☐ Make sure that the procedures laid down are followed by staff.



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Sun shines on the innovators

Sally Watts on how a fresh approach to finance and work practices helped two small businesses to prosper

The success of a long-range weather forecasting business, launched with £90 capital, and a small manufacturer of agricultural machinery that has increased production by 12 per cent after introducing flatter management, show how innovative products and practices can enhance a small firm's prospects.

Both companies took part in workshops at a three-day London conference on Technology Transfer and Innovation in Small Firms. This biennial event — the fourth — is run by the Government-funded Teaching Company Directorate and includes papers by people in industry, education and government worldwide.

Using £90 of capital, Piers Corbyn started Weather Action in 1991 to provide relatively detailed forecasts up to 11 months in advance. As a scientist, he had researched a method of preparing long-range forecasts and foresaw a market among businesses dependent on weather conditions.

Clients include insurance companies, gas and electricity suppliers, clothing retailers and supermarkets concerned about perishable produce.

Two years ago the firm obtained a £100,000 NatWest loan, through the small firms' loan guarantee scheme, to prepare for business development after featuring in BBC Television's *QED* programme. Before approving the loan, NatWest called in The Innovation Partnership, a small independent company in Manchester, which assesses businesses for banks and venture capitalists, providing them with non-financial analysis.

"I was satisfied that the business had commercial merit," said Nigel Woodruff, a director.

Weather Action Ltd, of Southwark, South London, employs the equivalent of 15 full-time staff and is targeting £1 million turnover by 2000. Last October the company was floated on the Stock Exchange.

Melvyn Wallis, the commercial director, says: "There is increasing interest from the City because the weather impacts on equities and commodities markets." Mr Wallis, Mr Woodruff and Stuart Ager, of NatWest Innovation and Growth Unit, took part in a workshop on financing innovation.

Mr Wallis adds that the firm hopes eventually to provide a worldwide service. Meanwhile, a research assistant is working on El Niño.

At a workshop on recognising the need for innovation in small firms, George Fleming described how flattening hierarchies and eliminating a layer of management had resulted in better business and had led to a highly motivated, proactive workforce with less absenteeism.



George Fleming has seen production increase 12 per cent this year

His company, Fleming Agri-Products Ltd, makes agricultural machinery on an industrial estate in Londonderry.

Mr Fleming said: "In 1997, from the outside looking in, we were quite a successful company. But inside it was a different story: there was pressure from customers, pressure on production staff and on managers."

Working with Ulster Business School and other agencies gave him the idea of innovating. Instead of one large unit, he set up several sections, each consisting of six or seven people with a team leader; these were given staff training. "Just calling them team leaders isn't enough."

He also encouraged better customer focus, identifying what clients wanted, improving customer-staff relations and reacting efficiently to requirements.

There are now staff newsletters, weekly meetings to discuss problems and schedules and "a better company spirit with more job satisfaction". In the first half of this year production was up by 12 per cent on the same period last year. Current turnover is £1,250,000.

Mr Fleming concluded: "There is a hidden belief in small businesses that innovation will cost thousands if it is to be effective. But what it needs is a little persistent nurturing to make the ideas grow.

"Start one idea at a time, let it grow, get it accepted before starting another. We see our business now as a journey that is just beginning and will not end."

Weather Action: 0171-922 8844. Fleming Agri-Products: 01504 342637. Innovation Partnership: 0161-832 3862. Teaching Company Directorate: 01367 245200.

Government plans to force the self-employed to make compulsory contributions towards a second pension have been criticised by the Federation of Small Businesses. It says small business owners would not be able to afford the extra sums and argues that Class II and Class IV national insurance contributions should be recognised as a contributions towards a pension benefit.

☐ Small business optimism has slumped by 15 percentage points in the second quarter, the lastest Office World survey shows. Only half of the owner managers surveyed have a positive view of the economy compared with 74 per cent a year ago. Numbers of those who are pessimistic more than doubled to 38 per cent, up 13 per cent in the quarter.

☐ A survey of business start-ups by NOP shows that 57 per cent believe that economic activity will improve compared with 65 per cent in the previous poll last December and 79 per cent a year ago. Those who thought things would worsen over the next year more than doubled to 35 per cent, against 15 per cent in 1997.

☐ Cellnet, the mobile telephone operator, and Virgin Trains have introduced a communications carriage on the London to Manchester route. The service, running as a trial for six months, allows first-class passengers to send and receive e-mails and faxes, make business calls and recharge their mobile phones free of charge.

☐ A 24-page guide has been produced by NatWest outlining the rewards and pitfalls for private investors, better known as business angels. The guide includes contributions from investors who are registered with the NatWest Angels Service. For copies, call 0171-454 2236.

☐ Northern Bank Factors, part of National Australia Bank Group, has joined the Factors and Discounters Association.

Tecs pledge £2.5m start-up funding

BY BRIAN COLLETT

A FUND of £2.5 million to provide help for start-up businesses has been promised by London's seven training and enterprise councils to compensate for lost government money.

An £11 million allocation over three years from the single regeneration budget, specifically to allow the Tecs to support start-ups, ran out in March.

Funding was not renewed but was directed instead to priority areas to provide help for various social projects.

The decision meant that no dedicated government finance for start-ups would be available in 1998-99 in London, which produces 50,000 to 60,000 new businesses a year.

The training and enterprise councils are guaranteeing the £2.5 million in the current financial year for services that include business planning guidance, in addition to raising awareness of self-employment and support for women, ethnic minorities and other groups.

The funds for start-up businesses will come from reserves, profitable projects and large companies that give cash or services in kind.

Judith Rutherford, the London Tecs Council director, said: "There is a clear funding gap which, if not resolved, will stunt future development of small business in London.

"This has implications not just for the potential self-employed, but for the city's economy.

"For example, 10,000 jobs have been saved or created by the businesses started with Tecs' assistance during the past three years.

"Tecs feel there is everything to be gained by keeping a start-up service on the go, however minimal.

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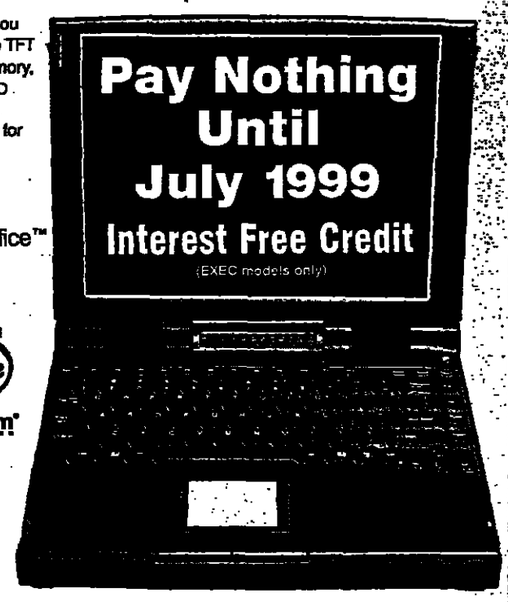
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RACING: THOROUGHBRED CORPORATION TAKING HIGH RANK

Royal Anthem leads rising force in premier league

By Chris McGrath


MIKE STEPHENS
The unbeaten Royal Anthem, left, heads the betting for the King George on Saturday

THE spectrum of racing colours familiar to the betting public has become increasingly shaded, at one extreme, by the royal blue of Godolphin. At the other, the silks of Michael Tabor and the Magniers have enhanced a sense of polarity in the bloodstock world's balance of power. At Ascot this weekend, however, a new motif confirms its intrusion in punters' awareness.

The green and white stripes of the Thoroughbred Corporation, whose horses are further distinguished by a conspicuous white bridle, has rapidly emerged as a heavyweight new presence. Dr Fong carried it to a first group one success in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot and, three days later in the King Edward VII Stakes, Royal Anthem paved his return to the same course on Saturday for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Though unbeaten in three outings, Royal Anthem probably owes his status as 9-4 favourite with the Tote as much to the encouraging vibes surrounding his work at home. Still more intemperate reports, however, have escaped Newmarket Heath concerning his young stablemate, Killer Instinct, who makes his debut on Friday's card.

Yesterday, the Tote was forced to cut the best remaining price about the Zafonic colt for next year's Sagitta 2,000 Guineas, to 10-1, after laying a bet of £4,000 at 14-1. Willie Carson, racing manager of the Thoroughbred Corporation for Ahmed Salman, said: "I feel sorry for the horse. Poor thing, his reputation has been so built up that he can only disappoint now. He's on a hiding to nothing."

Luckily, the horses themselves remain ignorant of such pressures. If Royal Anthem knew the consequences of his contempt for Hitman and Porto Foricos at home, in the week before they won big handicaps at Newmarket and York, he would feel suitably embarrassed that he is favourite ahead of High-Rise, the Derby winner — not to mention older horses of the calibre of Silver Patriarch, Romanov, and the usual Godolphin cavalry.

Riding arrangements for the latter were confirmed yesterday, Michael Kinane picking up the ride on Daylami after Frankie Dettori's decision to ride last year's winner, Swain. Daragh O'Donohoe will set the pace on Happy Valentine, for whose duties Central Park has been declared only as a reserve.

The advent of summer at Ascot has been as emphatic as it is belated, and watering began yesterday. The likelihood of fast ground, bad news for Godolphin, is welcomed by Carson. "Royal Anthem is a great big horse," he said. "From the look of him, and the way he does things, he wouldn't want it soft. People say he handled it at Royal Ascot, but they forget how the field went round by the trees that day, and it wasn't soft there — only for 2½ furlongs in the straight.

"Whatever the bookmakers think they know, we don't know enough about him yet. The way he has run, still unbeaten and breaking the course record at Newmarket, we know he's exceptional. But is he the best? That's the question. He's very good, but he has got to be the best to win."

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES
Ascot, July 25

GUIDE TO THE PRICES	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Royal Anthem	5-2	9-4	5-2	9-4
High-Rise	11-4	11-4	5-2	11-4
Daylami	4-1	4-1	5-1	4-1
Silver Patriarch	9-2	9-2	5-1	9-2
Swain	6-1	6-1	9-2	11-2
Romanov	8-1	10-1	9-1	10-1
Risk Material	33-1	33-1	40-1	40-1
Happy Valentine	33-1	40-1	50-1	40-1
Central Park	33-1	33-1	—	33-1

WITH the exception of Coral, the bookmakers are unanimous in making Royal Anthem market leader for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday. Henry Cecil's colt, unbeaten in three starts, is just 9-4 with Hills and the Tote, ahead of the Derby winner, High-Rise. While he has great potential, and has won over the course and distance, his form does not justify his lofty position in the betting.

High-Rise showed great determination to beat City Honours by a head at Epsom, and he, too, is unbeaten. He is open to further improvement, but is unlikely to start at shorter than the 11-4 now offered.

Silver Patriarch, winner of the St Leger last season, has returned at least as good as ever. He narrowly failed to concede 5lb to Romanov on his reappearance at Newmarket, before beating Swain in the Coronation Cup at Epsom. However, he takes time to find his stride and the short straight at Ascot may not be ideal.

The Godolphin team accounts for four of the nine entries. With Happy Valentine entered as a pacemaker and Central Park unlikely to take his chance, Daylami and Swain are left to maintain its good King George record.

Daylami won the Eclipse but is not sure to stay, and it is significant that Dettori prefers to partner last year's winner, Swain. After excelling himself on his reappearance when beaten a short head by Silver Charm in the Dubai World Cup, he has been below par in two slowly-run races at Epsom and Ascot. With a strong early pace assured, SWAIN will take all the beating and is over-priced at 6-1 with Coral and Hills.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
2.15 Marcus Maximus. 2.45 Lokomotiv. 3.15 Contrary Mary. 3.45 BLUNDELL LANE (nap). 4.15 Tess. 4.45 Shohra Wa Jaah.

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.15 DINA LINE

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Marcus Maximus. 3.45 EGO NIGHT (nap). 4.15 Baltic Lowland.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM. DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST. TOTE JACKPOT MEETING. SIS

2.15 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS CREDIT DIVISION MAIDEN STAKES (£3,558: 1m 3f 101yd) (6 runners)

101 (5) 5 THE BAT 14 (Mrs P Stroud) A Jarvis 5-9-9 ... D Sweeney 23
102 (1) DESERT TYCOON (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-12 ... L Dettori -
103 (2) MARCUS MAXIMUS (W Said) H Cecil 3-8-12 ... K Fallon -
104 (3) 0-00 MI PICASSO 52 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 3-8-12 ... A Nicholls (7) 22
105 (6) PAGAN (Lord Harrington) L Cumani 3-8-12 ... O Urbina -
106 (4) 600 WHISTLE TEST 47 (D Sullivan) S Woods 3-8-12 ... N Day 70

BETTING: 10-11 Marcus Maximus, 5-2 Desert Tycoon, 7-2 Pagan, 25-1 Mi Picasso, Whistle Test, 33-1 The Bat.

1997: INVERMARK 3-8-12 M Hills (8-1) J Fanshawe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS The Bat 17l 5th of 8 to Brigade Charge in maiden stakes at Pontefract (1m 4f 8yd, good). Desert Tycoon Last Tycoon colt, half-brother to the useful Del Deya and the winning miler Anabis. Marcus Maximus Woodman colt, brother to 7f winner Monza and half-brother to other winners. Mi Picasso 28l 11th of 12 to Spindrift in 3yo maiden stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). Pagan Last Tycoon colt, half-brother to middle-distance winners Mount Row and Back Row. Whistle Test 19l 7th of 11 to Hitman in maiden stakes at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, good to firm).

NO SELECTION

2.45 BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS FREEPHONE 0800 821821 SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,988: 7f 3yd) (11 runners)

201 (6) 33014 COSMO JACK 5 (BF,G) (M Fear) 6 Meehan 9-2 ... W R Swinburn 45
202 (2) 00 BIG OZ 13 (Alan Spargo Ltd Toolmakers) J Cullinan 8-11 ... D Sweeney 27
203 (9) 5502 HADEQA 19 (V) (Men Behaving Badly) P Evans 8-11 ... J F Egan 50
204 (1) 06 LOKOMOTIV 17 (Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra SRL) M Channon 8-11 ... L Dettori 58
205 (7) 0000 MALCHIK 34 (B) (I Mezroian) P Howling 8-11 ... T Williams -
206 (3) 54 ODDSANENDS 12 (J T B Racing) C Allen 8-11 ... N Carlisle 40
207 (11) 060 RIVER COURT 18 (B) (Serendipity Partnership) E Dunlop 8-11 ... K Fallon 44
208 (4) 000 CLOON CREE 13 (W Barrett) D Cosgrove 8-6 ... L Newton -
209 (10) EBLANA (M Keogh) M Tompkins 8-6 ... A Nicholls (7) -
210 (8) 50 SEASON OF HOPE 13 (Mrs C Willmott) D Cosgrove 8-6 ... J Lowe 15
211 (5) 00 VENTURE ISLAND 13 (Square Table) W Musson 8-6 ... P Robinson 18

BETTING: 7-2 Lokomotiv, 4-1 River Court, 9-2 Hadeqa, 5-1 Cosmo Jack, 7-1 Oddsanends, 8-1 others.

1997: THE HONORABLE LADY 8-6 P P Murphy (7-1) M Channon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS Cosmo Jack 3½l 4th of 11 to Kilbowne Hill in 2yo selling stakes at Leicester (5f 2yd, good). Big Oz 9¾l 15th of 19 to Salha in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Kempton (6f, good to firm). Hadeqa 3½l 2nd of 9 to Big Al in 2yo selling stakes at Haydock (6f, good to soft). Lokomotiv 11l 6th of 10 to Aljabr in 2yo maiden stakes at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to soft). Malchik 23l 8th of 9 to Dreaming in 2yo maiden stakes at Wolverhampton (6f, Aw, fibresand). Oddsanends 8l 4th of 14 to Pengeuo in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Southwell (6f, Aw, fibresand). River Court 5¾l 8th of 17 to Bathwick in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Warwick (7f, good). Cloon Cree 19l 10th of 11 to Sampower Star in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). Eblana Maladetto filly, half-sister to winners on the flat and over hurdles. Venture Island 13l 8th of 12 to Tampa Lady in 2yo selling stakes at Newmarket (7f, firm) with Season Of Hope (5lb better off) 15l 10th.

HADEQA will appreciate the step up in trip and can open his account

3.15 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS 1ST FOR SERVICE HANDICAP (£3,980: 7f 3yd) (14 runners)

301 (9) 0261563 TOPTON 9 (B,D,G) (L Shenden) P Howling 4-9-13 ... Pat Eddery 76
302 (14) 5224-06 SILVER KRISTAL 8 (Sir Eric Parker) R Armstrong 4-9-13 ... M Hills 74
303 (8) 0646433 SEA-DEER 8 (C,F,G,S) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 9-9-9 ... F Lynch 75
304 (3) 350001- KARINSKA 296 (CD,F,G,S) (G Whiting) M Chapman 8-9-1 ... S Carson (7) 81
305 (4) -400010 MOONSTONE 3 (CD,G) (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 3-9-1 ... K Fallon 74
306 (1) 0-00233 CONTRARY MARY 11 (F) (I Wicks) J Akehurst 3-8-13 ... G Carter 88
307 (7) -003001 MERANTI 10 (D,F,G) (J Wallis) J Bradley 5-8-10 ... W R Swinburn 77
308 (10) 000-300 LOGANLEA 14 (Mrs P Liston) W Musson 4-8-4 ... M Henry 72
309 (6) 00-1504 NAUTICAL WARNING 20 (D) (B Schmidt-Bodner) J Noseda 3-8-4 ... P Robinson 68
310 (2) 4600006 IVOR'S DEED 8 (V,D,F,G) (P Evans) P Evans 5-8-1 ... J F Egan 88
311 (13) 5050004 GAIN LINE 6 (V,CD,F) (Legend Racing Club) C Dwyer 5-8-0 ... J Lowe 85
312 (12) -005504 TROPICAL BEACH 7 (V,F,G,S) (A Thompson) J Pearce 5-7-13 ... G Bardwell 87
313 (5) 4210200 CLONOE 29 (S) (McKeran & O'Neill) R Ingram 4-7-12 ... A Nicholls (7) 82
314 (11) -301065 DINA LINE 22 (BF) (Lordship Stud) M Bell 4-7-11 ... R Mullen (3) 93

BETTING: 9-2 Meranti, 11-2 Nautical Warning, 8-1 Sea-Deer, Moonstone, Contrary Mary, 10-1 others.

1997: MEZZORAMIO 5-8-3 Jo Hunnam (4-1 fav) K Morgan 16 ran

FORM FOCUS Topton 2¾l 3rd of 4 to Peter's Imp in stakes at Haydock (7f, good to firm). Silver Kristal 7¾l 6th of 10 to Shalad'or in fillies handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). Sea-deer 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Scissor Ridge in handicap at Folkestone (6f, good). Karinska beat Bella's Legacy short head in 12-runner fillies handicap at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good). Moonstone 18l 17th of 19 to Celandine in apprentice handicap at Warwick (7f, good to firm). Contrary Mary 4¾l 3rd of 12 to Ivory Dawn in fillies handicap at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). Meranti beat Scissor Ridge neck in 15-runner handicap at Salisbury (6f, firm). Loganlea 5¾l 7th of 14 to Ellens Lad in handicap at Newmarket (5f, firm). Nautical Warning 3¾l 4th of 9 to Hugwity in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, good). Ivor's Deed 6l 6th of 11 to Mr Rough in selling stakes at Brighton (7f 214yd, good). Gain Line 4¾l 4th of 14 to Far-So-La in stakes at Folkestone (7f, good). Tropical Beach 2½l 4th of 16 to Apollo Red in handicap at Brighton (6f 209yd, good). Clonoe 10l 18th of 19 to Carlton in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm). Dina Line 11l 5th of 6 to Night Chorus in handicap at Musselburgh (1m, soft).

The consistent SEA-DEER is due a change of luck and can snatch this

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Yarmouth: 2.45 Malchik, River Court. 4.15 Baltic Lowland, Toy Trader. 4.45 Pertemps Mission, Es Go.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

3.45 49'S MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP [SHOWCASE RACE] (3-Y-O: £7,765: 6f 3yd) (13 runners)

401 (5) 104- ABREEZE 277 (G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-7 ... L Dettori 91
402 (13) 4510001 CLASSY CLEO 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Abbey) P Evans 9-3 ... J F Egan 107
403 (2) 00-0020 ELEVENTH DUKE 68 (D,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) J Hoeeds 9-0 ... G Carter 96
404 (7) 014 MOON TANGO 18 (D,G) (K Al-Said) B Hills 8-10 ... M Hills 77
405 (8) 2100-30 PETARGA 14 (F) (Mrs R Gase-Andrews) J Toller 8-9 ... J Reid 99
406 (10) -201000 BLUNDELL LANE 11 (BF,D,F,G) (N Comerbite) A Jarvis 8-9 ... D Sweeney 102
407 (1) 2-22312 EGO NIGHT 6 (BF,D,F) (L Caucci) M Bell 8-7 ... M Fenton 54
408 (12) 03-210 TATTINGER 14 (D,F) (Mrs E Fanshawe) J Fanshawe 8-7 ... N Callan (7) 103
409 (11) 03221 EAST WINDS 16 (D,G) (R McCreery) P Walwyn 8-6 ... W Ryan 97
410 (9) 0441343 ROYAL DREAM 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Matthews) J Berry 8-5 ... J Carroll 100
411 (6) 4200240 JULIES JEWEL 14 (D,S) (Mrs J Lamming) M Chapman 8-5 ... S Carson (7) 94
412 (4) 6-10464 PIPS SONG 20 (BF,D) (P Edwards) Dr J Scargill 7-13 ... J Lowe 106
413 (3) 36-0463 LONG ISLAND 13 (V) (Taker Bloodstock) K Ivory 7-10 ... A Nicholls (7) 85

Long handicap: Long Island 7-9

BETTING: 6-1 Royal Dream, 7-1 Abreeze, Moon Tango, East Winds, 8-1 others.

1997: ELNADIM 9-7 R Hills (2-1 fav) J Dunlop 11 ran

FORM FOCUS Abreeze 3¼l 4th of 6 to Lucayan Indian in 2yo stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to soft). Classy Cleo beat Ins May ½l in 16-runner 3yo handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm) with Blundell Lane (7lb better off) 11l 15th. Eleventh Duke 16l 16th of 19 to Ho Leng in 3yo handicap at York (6f 214yd, good). Moon Tango 3½l 4th of 14 to Mobnk in 3yo handicap at Sandown (7f, good). Ego Night ¾l 2nd of 8 to Scissor Ridge in handicap at Folkestone (6f, good). East Winds beat Cheltan neck in 12-runner maiden stakes at Warwick (6f, good). Royal Dream 1½l 3rd of 10 to Flak Jacket in 3yo handicap at Haydock (6f, good). Julies Jewel 6¾l 9th of 15 to Mishah in 3yo handicap at Newmarket (6f, firm) with Tattinger (2lb worse off) 7¾l 11th and Petarga (4lb worse off) 11l 14th. Pips Song 4¾l 4th of 10 to Ray Of Sunshine in 3yo handicap at Redcar (6f, good to soft). Long Island 2¾l 3rd of 4 to Thats Life in maiden auction stakes at Folkestone (6f, good to firm).

The improving EAST WINDS appears to be well handicapped and can follow up

4.15 EBF MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,273: 5f 43yd) (5 runners)

501 (2) 23 BALTIC LOWLAND 15 (V,BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 ... L Dettori 74
502 (4) PADHAMS GREEN (D J Anderson) M Tompkins 9-0 ... D Biggs -
503 (5) 050 TOY TRADER 17 (V) (Grant & Bowman Ltd) A Jarvis 9-0 ... K Fallon 57
504 (3) 62 BEVELENA 12 (Mrs F Veecey) P Evans 8-9 ... J F Egan 54
505 (1) TESS (S Tindall) B Hills 8-9 ... M Hills -

BETTING: 4-5 Baltic Lowland, 11-4 Tess, 11-2 Padhams Green, 12-1 Toy Trader, 16-1 Bevelena.

1997: GIPSY MOTH 8-9 Pat Eddery (10-1) B Meehan 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Baltic Lowland 4½l 3rd of 12 to Amazing Dream in 2yo maiden stakes at Windsor (5f 10yd, good). Toy Trader 8½l 7th of 10 to Arabian Desert in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Nottingham (5f 13yd, good to firm). Bevelena 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Trina's Pet in 2yo selling stakes at Southwell (5f, Aw, fibresand).

BALTIC LOWLAND should have little difficulty breaking his duck

4.45 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS IN RUNNING MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,158: 1m 6f 17yd) (15 runners)

601 (14) 02-3303 SUCH BOLDNESS 10 (Mrs M O'Shea) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-0 ... K Fallon 50
602 (2) 0-043 MAMUFAN 15 (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-10 ... J Reid 67
603 (15) 06-433 SHOHRA WA JAAH 15 (BF) (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-9-7 ... P Robinson 58
604 (9) 06430-0 DANCING QUEEN 18 (Lordship Stud) M Bell 4-9-5 ... L Dettori 70
605 (12) 000535- MECHILIE 297 (BF) (Sir Simon Green) J W Payne 4-8-10 ... G Carter 62
606 (1) 0-00405 PETANE 25 (B) (A Robinson) J Arnold 3-8-7 ... M Hills 55
607 (13) 0-00403 PERTEMPS MISSION 10 (V) (M Whatley) J Pearce 4-8-6 ... G Bardwell 77
608 (8) 0640-03 ES GO 18 (V) (V Chandler (Equus) Ltd) R Bastiman 5-8-6 ... Dean McKeown 57
609 (7) 000- PRESSURISE 280 (C Walker & J Carroll) M Prescott 3-8-5 ... G Duffield 26
610 (10) 0000 DOUBLIN' BAY 17 (S P Partnership) Dr J Scargill 3-8-2 ... J Lowe 40
611 (11) 000-004 MAIL SHOT 11 (MacDonald Mailing) S Dow 3-8-2 ... J F Egan 45
612 (5) 0/000/ SHAHRANI 18J (Mrs E Rosbottom) M Chapman 6-8-1 ... S Carson (7) -
613 (4) 0500056 DOVER SOUL 8 (Top Hat Racing) P Howling 3-8-0 ... T Williams 75
614 (3) 0-00000 CAPE SIREN 3 (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-7-12 ... M Baird (3) 33
615 (6) 00-0400 SLIGHTLY SPECIAL 27 (Mrs R Nash) D Thom 6-7-10 ... R Mullen (3) -

BETTING: 7-2 Pressurise, 11-2 Shohra Wa Jaah, 13-2 Mail Shot, 7-1 Mamufan, 8-1 Such Boldness, Es Go, 10-1 others.

1997: AZTEC FLYER 4-8-10 B Doyle (15-2) C Brittain 6 ran

FORM FOCUS Such Boldness 3½l 3rd of 6 to Oiwo in stakes at Salisbury (1m 6f 15yd, firm). Mamufan 2½l 3rd of 6 to Semi Circle in 3yo handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good). Shohra Wa Jaah 3¼l 3rd of 7 to The Blues Academy in maiden handicap at Bath (2m 1f 34yd, good). Dancing Queen 9l 7th of 19 to Rock Scene in maiden handicap at Warwick (1m 2f 169yd, good) with Cape Siren (8lb better off) 20l 13th. Mechilie 5¾l 5th of 14 to Devilish Charm in maiden handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to firm). Petane 5l 5th of 13 to Dry Lightning in 3yo claiming stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Pertemps Mission 5¾l 3rd of 8 to High Jinks in handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, good to firm). Es Go 3¾l 3rd of 8 to Slankia in maiden handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f 9yd, firm). Mail Shot 4¼l 4th of 9 to Tigullio in 3yo handicap at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm).

PETANE is worth a chance at a big price in this tricky handicap

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	8	14	57.1	O Urbina	5	15	33.3
J Toller	7	27	25.9	L Dettori	32	129	24.8
P Evans	6	25	24.0	J Reid	7	30	23.3
H Cecil	22	98	22.4	J Egan	4	23	17.4
L Cumani	14	64	21.9	M Hills	27	166	16.3
D Loder	10	48	20.8	J Lowe	4	26	15.4

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

The *Official Encyclopedia of Bridge* lists 656 different suit combinations. Clearly bridge would not be much fun as a game if you had to remember all these. Good players get into the habit of assessing which line gains over alternative lines. Of course, frequently entry considerations may affect the play. Try your hand at these combinations; you have as many entries as you need.

	Declarer	Dummy
1)	K 9 8 4 2	J 10 5 3
1a)	K 8 6 4 2	J 10 5 3
	To make four tricks	
2)	Q J 10 6 3	A 7 2
	To make five tricks	
3)	Q 10 9 8 7 6 5	4 3
	To make five tricks	
3a)	Q 10 9 8 7 6 5 4	3
	To make six tricks	

Answers

1) Any regular reader of the column should get this one right — it has cropped up at least three times in the last year. You lead the jack from dummy and if South plays small you run it. That gains when North has the other small card or a singleton ace. Putting up the king only gains if North has singleton queen. (If the suit is 2-2, it is a toss-up whether to play the king or run the jack.)

1a) Now the suit is slightly weakened. Small towards the king is best, gaining against 3-1 breaks in which either hand has queen singleton. Running the jack is not so good — it gains only against singleton nine with North.

2) Obviously you finesse, hoping North started with Kx or Kxx. But there is an advantage to leading the ten from hand on the first round. If North puts on the king, you may consider playing him for a singleton, and so pick up the suit by finessing against South's remaining holding of 984. After all, for North to play the king on the ten from Kx could cost if his partner had Jxx.

3) Lead from dummy and if South plays small put on the ten. That gains against singleton queen or king with North, and only loses to singleton jack.

3a) Lead from dummy and if South plays small put on the queen. That gains against singleton jack with North. Even if the ten would force a singleton king or ace, that doesn't help — with no other card in dummy to lead towards the queen South will still take two tricks from his remaining KJ or AJ.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Sacrificial fireworks

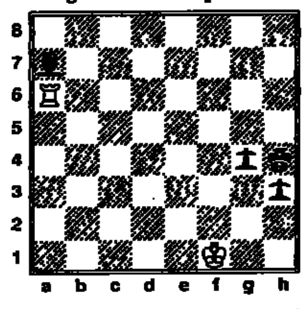
Nigel Short's opponent in the following game drew eight of his nine games in the Keres memorial tournament. However, against the English grandmaster Khalifman had to fight for his life and displayed great qualities of resource and inventiveness before he could safely navigate towards the peaceful haven of yet another draw. Short deserves great credit for his ability to complicate matters against a peaceful opponent, even with the black pieces.

White: Alexander Khalifman
Black: Nigel Short
Keres memorial
Tallinn/Parnu 1998

French Defence

	White	Black
1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Nd7
5	Nf3	Ngf6
6	Nxf6+	Nxf6
7	c3	Be7
8	Bd3	0-0
9	Bg5	h6
10	h4	Qd5
11	Qd2	b5
12	0-0-0	Bb7
13	Ne5	Qxa2
14	Bxf6	Bxf6
15	Nd7	Be7
16	Nxf8	Kxf8
17	f3	Bd5
18	Bb1	Qa1
19	Qc2	Rd8
20	b4	a5
21	Qb2	Qxb2+
22	Kxb2	axb4
23	cxb4	Bxb4
24	Be4	Bc4
25	Bd3	Rxd4
26	Bxc4	Rxc4
27	Rc1	Rxc1
28	Rxc1	Bd6
29	Kc2	Ke7
30	Rb1	b4
31	Ra1	f5
32	g4	Kf6
33	Kd3	e5
34	Rg1	g6
35	h5	e4+
36	fxe4	fxg4
37	hxg6	h5
38	Kd4	Kxg6
39	e5	Be7
40	Ke4	Bg5
41	Rg2	c5
42	Kd5	b3
43	Kxc5	Bc1
44	Rg3	Bf4
45	Rxb3	Bxe5
46	Kc4	h4
47	Kd3	h3
48	Ke2	Bd4
49	Kf1	Kf5
50	Rb8	Be3
51	Rf8+	Ke4
52	Re8+	Kf3
53	Rh8	Kg3
54	Rg8	Bd4
55	Rg6	Kh4
56	Rd6	Be5
57	Rg6	Bd4
58	Rd6	Ba7
59	Ra6	Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



Mind Sports Olympiad

The second Mind Sports Olympiad, which features chess and bridge and hosts the finals of *The Times* crossword championship takes place from August 24-30. In order to accommodate a larger entry the venue has now switched to the Novotel in Hammersmith. For entry information ring 0171-485 9146 or write to: Mind Sports Olympiad, PO Box 13388, London NW3 2ZF.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OCHLOPHOBIA
a. Fear of ants
b. Fear of crowds
c. Fear of noise

PADANG
a. A square cigar
b. A field
c. An Indonesian language

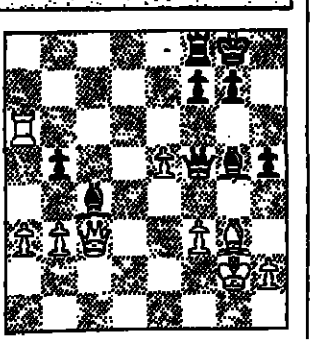
RATINE
a. A mongoose
b. A verse metre
c. A coarse fabric

RUMAKI
a. A Romanian gypsy
b. Arthritis in the knees
c. An appetiser

Answers on page 42

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



Black to play. This position is from the game Rewutski — Papp, Szeged, 1998.
The white king lacks secure pawn cover and Black now found a way to exploit this. How did he continue?

Solution on page 42

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Going: soft

2.15 (7f) 1, MENEER (L Dettori, 2-9 fav); 2, Election Promise (Pat Eddery, 12-1); 3, Enfilade (K Fallon, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Alexander, 33 Laurel Prince (6th), 50 Love Diamonds, Mytton's Moment (4th), 100 Lady Iona (5th). 8 ran. NR: Makebelieve Island. 7l, 3½l, ¾l, 5l, 1l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £3.80. CSF: £3.30.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, RAKEEB (K Fallon, 13-8 fav); 2, Magic Of Aloha (M Hills, 4-1); 3, Man Of Courage (Pat Eddery, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Altannan (4th). 4 ran. NR: Its My Pleasure. 9l, 3l, dist. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £7.01.

3.15 (1m 2f 192yd) 1, ASHLEIGH BAKER (G Faulkner, 13-2); 2, Donna's Double (W Supple, 100-30); 3, Inchahoy (N Kennedy, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Saintes (5th), 9-2 Forty Love (6th), 5 Murmoon, 8 Princess Sceptre, 33 Won't Forget Me (4th). 8 ran. 2½l, 2l, 7l, ¾l, 1¾l. A Bailey at Tarporley. Tote: £9.10; £1.50, £1.40, £7.70. DF: £16.00. CSF: £26.51. Tricast: £602.48.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, WINTER ROMANCE (K Fallon, 4-1); 2, Rabi (L Dettori, 9-2); 3, King Alex (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Alboostan (4th), 9 Lord Of Men (5th), 16 Hunters Of Brora (6th), 50 Vagabond Chanteuse, 200 Bend Wavy. 8 ran. 1¼l, 2½l, 3l, 4l, dd-ht. E Dunlop at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £1.10, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £14.10. CSF: £19.41.

4.15 (6f) 1, JEFFREY ANOTHERRED (J Weaver, 7-1); 2, Indian Spark (A Culhane, 4-1); 3, Unshaken (K Fallon, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Sue Me, 8 Cumbrian Caruso, 10 Mister Westsound (5th), 12 Lago Di Varano (6th), 16 Mamma's Boy, 25 Skyers Flyer (4th), 66 Sharp Gayle. 10 ran. 6l, 1¼l, ½l, nk, nk. M Dods at Darlington. Tote: £10.50; £2.50, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £36.10. CSF: £33.05. Tricast: £83.26.

4.45 (7f) 1, GREY KINGDOM (K Darley, 3-1 fav); 2, Persian Fayre (K Fallon, 6-1); 3, Buzz (Dean McKeown, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Magic Mill (5th), 6 Peppiatt, 7 The Munro's (4th), 12 Selkirk Rose (6th), 14 Trojan Hero. 8 ran. ½l, hd, 4l, 9l, 4l. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £5.00. CSF: £19.55. Tricast: £72.73.

Jackpot: £6,513.70.

Placepot: £33.70. Quadpot: £18.10.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

2.00 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, RON'S ROUND (M Henry, 1-3 fav); 2, Yeoman Oliver (R Cochrane, 20-1); 3, San Glamore Melody (M Baird, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Cheerful Groom, 12 Green Bopper (5th), 14 Law Dancer, 20 Amico (4th), Flight For Freedom, 33 Zalotto, 50 Grand Hotel, Ripsnorter, Rival Bid (6th), Salbus. 13 ran. 1½l, 2l, 6l, 6l, 1½l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £3.50, £7.70. DF: £8.90. CSF: £14.39. Tricast: £117.49.

2.30 (1m 100yd) 1, OVER THE MOON (R Smith, 2-1 fav); 2, Lady Eil (P Goode, 9-2); 3, C-Harry (S Clarke, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Radar O'Reilly (4th), 9 Chadleigh Lane, 10 Dahlidya, 12 King Parrot (5th), 16 Rockette, 25 Tassili, 33 Ashgore, Averham Star, Backhander, 50 Nukud (6th). 13 ran. 1¾l, 8l, 1¾l, hd, 2½l. N Littmoden at Wolverhampton. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £8.50. CSF: £10.01.

3.00 (5f) 1, MOOCHA CHA MAN (R Cochrane, 15-8); 2, Miss Multiply (F Norton, 8-1); 3, Pokeit (J Quinn, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Trojan Girl, 7 Grey Strike (4th), 8 Investment Hero (5th), 20 Nathan's Hero, 33 Bishopstone Pond (6th). 8 ran. 2l, 4l, 1¾l, 8l, 5l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £3.20, £1.30. DF: £53.20. CSF: £18.11.

3.30 (6f) 1, GRAND CHAPEAU (R Cochrane, 2-1 fav); 2, Aljaz (P McCabe, 13-2); 3, Cool Secret (T Lucas, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Oh Hebe (8th), 7 Pharaoh's Joy (5th), 10 Grace, 12 Arantxa (4th), Somosierra, Theatre Magic, 25 Russian Romeo, Vice Presidential. 11 ran. ¾l, nk, 1¾l, nk, ¾l. D Nicholls at Thirsk. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £3.10, £7.10. DF: £9.40. CSF: £14.69. Tricast: £322.92.

4.00 (6f) 1, GIFTO WE'RE GONZO (P McCabe, 14-1); 2, Torpedo Ray (C Lowther, 9-4); 3, My Mother's Dream (J Stack, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Sounds Lucky (5th), 9-2 Hi-Jenny, 7 Special Role (6th), 20 Skymistress (4th). 7 ran. 3½l, 2l, 2l, 3l, 1¾l. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £18.10; £5.00, £1.80. DF: £22.50. CSF: £46.62.

4.30 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, PHILOSOPHIC (R Ffrench, 6-1); 2, Operatic (Dale Gibson, 5-1); 3, Norski Lad (G Duffield, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Batoutoftheblue (4th), 8 Etterby Park (5th), 10 Nikita's Star (6th), 12 Ma Barnicle, 16 Light Reflections, 33 Hills Gamble. 9 ran. NR: Filmore West. Hd, 1¾l, 3½l, ½l, 17l. Mrs L Jewell at Maidstone. Tote: £10.10; £2.10, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £13.00. CSF: £34.80. Tricast: £62.94.

Placepot: £56.30. Quadpot: £65.20.

BATH

THUNDERER
2.00 Red Delirium. 2.30 Snow Partridge. 3.00 Virtual Reality. 3.30 The Gamboller. 4.00 Pardan. 4.30 Myttons Mistake.

GOING: GOOD. DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST. SIS

2.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS EBF NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,176: 5f 11yd) (9 runners)

1 (8) 4410 HEAD HONCHO 32 (D,S) D Elsworth 9-4 ... N Pollard (5) 51
2 (6) 0134 MOON BUZZARD 25 (F) M Blanshard 9-4 ... J Quinn 64
3 (7) 1006 RED DELIRIUM 13 (F) R Hannon 9-4 ... R Hughes 81
4 (5) 5410 TOP ORDER 33 (D,S) P Cole 8-13 ... C Rutter 81
5 (4) 6050 MUCHO COLOR 5 (B) B Meehan 8-12 ... M Tebbutt 58
6 (2) 0 SWAMPY 9 K McAuliffe 8-12 ... M Roberts -
7 (1) 001 SATIN SLIPPER 8 (D,G) K Ivory 8-9 ... C Lowther 38
8 (9) 44 ADDITION 11 R Hodges 8-7 ... S Drowne 45
9 (3) 5 THICKET 15 (BF) R Charlton 8-7 ... T Sprake 54

13-8 Top Order, 7-2 Red Delirium, 11-2 Head Honcho, 6-1 Thicket, 10-1 Moon Buzzard, 14-1 Satin Slipper, Addition, 25-1 others.

2.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN EARLY PRICE TEXT DIVISION CLASSIFIED STAKES (£2,318: 1m 3f 144yd) (11)

1 (10) 0606 PAY HOMAGE 11 (CD,F,G) I Balding 10-9-6 ... Leanne Masterton (7) 77
2 (1) /0-0 AMBER VALLEY 10 (S) D Williams 7-9-4 ... D Griffiths (3) 13
3 (7) 0050 BEHIND THE SCENES 25 (S) C Cyzer 4-9-4 ... D Holland 66
4 (4) 06-2 IHTIMAAM 10 H Haynes 6-9-4 ... R Cody-Boutcher (7) 36
5 (2) 03-0 RENOWN 140 (D,F) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-4 ... D Harrison -
6 (3) 0545 RIVER JUNCTION 10 B Smart 7-9-4 ... J Stack 26
7 (6) 4030 SNOW PARTRIDGE 19 P Cole 4-9-4 ... C Rutter 68
8 (8) 060 GENETIC 14 P Walwyn 3-8-6 ... R Cochrane 47
9 (5) 000 RUDI KNIGHT 21 M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-6 ... F Norton 55
10 (11) 60-0 BALLET RAMBERT 34 (C,F) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-3 ... S Drowne 74
11 (9) 10-0 SIENA 27 (F) Miss K George 3-8-3 ... P Doe (5) 39

3-1 Snow Partridge, 7-2 Pay Homage, 4-1 Renown, 8-1 Behind The Scenes, Genetic, 10-1 Ihtimaam, 12-1 River Junction, 16-1 others.

3.00 BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS TRADE DIVISION BE HOPEFUL HANDICAP (£3,583: 1m 5yd) (14)

1 (7) 0-16 VIRTUAL REALITY 55 (CD,F,G) J Toller 7-10-0 ... M Roberts 98
2 (1) 0215 GUARANTEED 11 (D,G) Miss K George 3-9-8 ... P Doe (5) 78
3 (5) 0-14 BOLD KING 68 (D) J Hills 3-9-7 ... R Hills 75
4 (9) 2000 HEVER GOLF GLORY 14 (D,G) N Littmoden 4-9-3 ... T G McLaughlin 96
5 (12) 6001 FIONN DE COOL 17 (D,F,G) J Akehurst 7-9-0 ... A McGlone 76
6 (14) 0504 SWIFT 6 (D,F,G) M Polglase 4-8-10 ... D Harrison 94
7 (3) 1230 ZIMIRI 13 (D) J Toller 4-8-10 ... A Clark 98
8 (4) 0000 CAD'ORO 17 (CD,F,G,S) G Balding 5-8-10 ... S Drowne 85
9 (11) 1205 QUESTAN 5 (CD,F,G) B Smart 6-8-8 ... J Stack 88
10 (2) 0010 PADDY'S RICE 15 (CD,F,S) M Blanshard 7-8-5 ... J Quinn 79
11 (13) 0002 REBEL COUNTY 3 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-4 ... C Lowther 95
12 (8) 0540 RUBAMMA 17 P Walwyn 3-8-4 ... D Holland 85
13 (10) 0521 WARRING 15 (D,G) M Saunders 4-8-4 ... F Norton 79
14 (6) /650 ROCA MURADA 25 (V,G,S) L Cottrell 9-8-3 ... A Daly (3) 79

5-1 Fionn De Cool, 6-1 Virtual Reality, 13-2 Rebel County, 7-1 Bold King, 8-1 Swift, Zimiri, 10-1 Rubamma, Warring, 12-1 others.

3.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS DOUBLE RESULT CLASSIFIED STAKES (£3,388: 1m 2f 46yd) (6)

1 (3) 0040 ABAJANY 3 (G) M Channon 4-9-4 ... A Mackay 95
2 (5) 0053 MUHTAFEL 5 (G) M Quinn 4-9-4 ... A McCarthy (3) 93
3 (2) 2313 LEMON BRIDGE 15 (D,G) J Hills 3-8-10 ... R Hills 85
4 (4) 4201 THE GAMBOLLER 5 (D,G) Mrs A Perrett 3-8-10 ... D Harrison 86
5 (6) -433 CLASSIC MANOEUVRE 27 R Hannon 3-8-8 ... R Hughes 91
6 (1) 4-50 HIGHWAYMAN 70 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-8 ... R Cochrane 86

11-4 Highwayman, 4-1 Abajany, Lemon Bridge, 9-2 The Gamboller, 5-1 Classic Manoeuvre, 15-2 Muhtafel.

4.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS ANNIVERSARY CHUCKLESTONE HANDICAP (£2,892: 2m 1f 34yd) (16)

1 (8) 00/0 WISHING 59 (F,S) T D McCarthy 7-10-0 ... N Pollard (5) 42
2 (1) 0-05 HURGILL DANCER 55 (G) J Toller 4-9-8 ... R Ffrench 43
3 (15) 6-31 TASIK CHINI 53 (CD,F,G) P Cole 4-9-4 ... R Cochrane 58
4 (2) -152 WOODY'S BOY 18 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-4 ... A Daly (3) 76
5 (12) 0/63 MINNISAM 5 (B,G) G Ham 5-8-13 ... F Norton 61
6 (13) -050 BOWLED OVER 53 (F) C Cyzer 5-8-8 ... C Lowther 69
7 (3) 0060 HIGH ON LIFE 20 J Akehurst 4-8-8 ... A McGlone 91
8 (9) 0104 GOLDEN HADEER 20 (F,G,S) M Ryan 7-8-8 ... P McCabe 66
9 (4) 5004 LIMELIGHT 15 P Murphy 4-8-7 ... S Drowne 73
10 (7) 0-00 LAGUNA BAY 38J (F) G McCourt 4-8-7 ... D Harrison 93
11 (14) 4301 SOVEREIGN CREST 12 (F) C Horgan 5-8-5 ... D Holland 87
12 (10) /521 FAST FORWARD FRED 17 (G) L M Hall 7-8-5 ... A Clark -
13 (5) 4352 SHARAF 17 (BF,F) W Muir 5-8-5 ... Dane O'Neill 76
14 (6) 00-5 SARASOTA STORM 38J (F,S) R Frost 6-8-2 ... N Adams 73
15 (16) 0343 PARDAN 17 B Palling 4-8-0 ... T Sprake 78
16 (11) -650 PIANIST 27 (B) Miss K George 3-7-10 ... P Doe (5) 72

4-1 Tasik Chini, 5-1 Sovereign Crest, 6-1 Fast Forward Fred, 7-1 Sharaf, 8-1 Woody's Boy, Pardan, 10-1 Limelight, 14-1 others.

4.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS LEICESTER HANDICAP (£3,631: 5f 161yd) (17)

1 (15) 0014 THAT MAN AGAIN 13 (B,C,F,G) S C Williams 6-9-11 ... D Holland 89
2 (2) 0100 MANGUS 6 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-10 ... M Roberts 78
3 (7) -060 CARBON 28 (D,S) Lady Herries 3-9-8 ... A Clark 82
4 (11) 4660 SIR JOEY 4 (D,F,G,S) P Murphy 9-9-8 ... D Harrison 76
5 (1) 255- INDIAN SILVER 330 M Channon 3-9-4 ... A Eddery (7) 61
6 (16) 4523 BRAMBLE BEAR 13 (C,F,S) M Blanshard 4-9-4 ... J Quinn 90
7 (8) -060 LADY CHARLOTTE 13 (CD,F) D Elsworth 3-9-4 ... N Pollard (5) 76
8 (6) 6340 BEYOND CALCULATION 10 (D,F) J Bradley 4-9-2 ... S Drowne 88
9 (12) 0050 LONGWICK LAD 13 (CD,F) W Muir 5-9-2 ... Dane O'Neill 80
10 (17) 0360 MALIBU MAN 9 (B,C,D,F,G) E Wheeler 6-9-1 ... S Whitworth 89
11 (9) 0253 BEAU VENTURE 12 (CD,F,G,S) B Palling 10-9-1 ... T Sprake 96
12 (14) 2063 MYTTONS MISTAKE 14 (F,G) R Hodges 5-8-12 ... R Cochrane 98
13 (4) 2535 CAUDA EQUINA 8 (BF,C,D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-8-11 ... A Mackay 92
14 (13) 1111 SIHAFI 4 (C,D,F,G) D Nicholls 5-8-8 ... P Goode (7) 89
15 (10) 6600 MUTASAWWAR 38 (D) M Saunders 4-8-4 ... R Ffrench 94
16 (3) 1000 AFTER EIGHT 15 (D) M Saunders 3-8-0 ... A McCarthy (3) 79
17 (5) 0-05 APPLE SAUCE 10 L Cottrell 3-7-10 ... F Norton 77

7-2 Sihafi, 7-1 Myttons Mistake, 8-1 Bramble Bear, Beau Venture, 10-1 That Man Again, Cauda Equina, 12-1 Longwick Lad, Malibu Man, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S C Williams, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; R Charlton, 18 from 58, 31.0%; M Stoute, 7 from 28, 25.0%; J Toller, 7 from 28, 25.0%; I Balding, 19 from 91, 20.9%; P Cole, 15 from 74, 20.3%.

JOCKEYS: C Lowther, 3 winners from 17 rides, 17.6%; R Cochrane, 10 from 63, 15.9%; D Griffiths, 3 from 20, 15.0%; R Hughes, 14 from 95, 14.7%; S Whitworth, 10 from 70, 14.3%; D Holland, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Ego Night
(3.45 Yarmouth)

Ego Night has come into his own since being brought back to sprints and recorded a career-best effort against older horses at Folkestone. He can resume winning ways against his own-age group today.

Next best: Lokomotiv
(2.45 Yarmouth)

Fallon takes Ayr honours

KIEREN FALLON took the riding honours at Ayr yesterday with a 12-1 double on Rakeeb in the Highland Mary Maiden Stakes and Winter Romance, who landed the £30,000-added Tennent Caledonian Breweries Scottish Classic.

The champion jockey was at his best as he produced Winter Romance inside the final furlong to beat Rabi by 1¼ lengths. With the opposition struggling to last home, it was Fallon who got the best run to give Winter Romance his fourth victory, all achieved with give in the ground.

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ATHLETICS

Moorcroft holds his breath over revamp vote

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

AFTER eight months of self-investigation, a consultation process involving some 700 people and nine roadshows to gauge local opinion, British athletics yesterday presented its definitive proposals for the future.

If rejected, David Moorcroft, the chief executive of UK Athletics 98, an interim organisation formed after the British Athletic Federation (BAF) went into administration last October, will walk away and all the effort that has gone into restructuring since then will have been wasted.

The 1,700 clubs who will be



Moorcroft: radical plan

asked to vote, in the hope of *instituting a new governing body by January next year*, have a straightforward choice, either to accept or throw out. Should they not like the plan framed by a steering group and favoured by Moorcroft, there is no alternative on which to vote.

"If they do not vote 'yes', we're knackered," Moorcroft said off stage yesterday, though he had been keen, on stage at the announcement in Gateshead, that this should not be seen as a *fait accompli*. He said that he hoped the clubs would agree to the proposals because they were impressed by them, rather than because there was no alternative.

Moorcroft described the plan as the most radical structural overhaul to be undertaken by any sport in Britain or by any athletics governing body worldwide. The BAF was overburdened with national and regional associations, with some 250 people on various committees.

It was never able to move swiftly because of its size and now the shot-putter is to be slimmed down to a middle-distance runner. The new governing body will be less than one third the mass of the old one, reduced to 80 personnel from 250.

"We have decided to appoint people based on their competence rather than on what part of the sport they represent. There will be only one elected post within the new body — the president," Moorcroft said. The president would play *the most influential role in key appointments, such as the chief executive.*

Parochialism is out. Nobody in the hierarchy of the new governing body, to be known as Athletics UK, would be taking decisions based on regional interest. It is proposed that Athletics UK would organise the sport in three parts: a performance structure to support the leading 1,500 to 2,000 athletes; a framework for development; and a competition structure to meet the needs of athletes at all levels.

In a summary document, to be sent to clubs immediately together with a more detailed brochure, promises are made of "stronger links with clubs, athletes and coaches ... appointments based on competence and skills rather than geographic or functional representation ... and no decision-making group will have more than 10 people on it."

The document reminds clubs that the former BAF council comprised 64 people. The clubs will be asked to give *their verdict in September.*

Whether Apathy AC will be trodden down in the rush remains open to question. Rarely have clubs shown a deep and committed interest in national matters and Moorcroft said that he would regard it as something of a success if there was more than a 30 per cent response. The biggest clubs will have five votes, and the smallest just one, but Moorcroft said that, with small clubs far outnumbering the large clubs, there could be no question of the little ones not being heard.

Should the proposals be thrown out, the sport would become an orphan for the United Kingdom Sports Council (UKSC). Moorcroft said that the UKSC would then have to determine whether to make new proposals. Performance Athlete Services, the lottery-funded company that deals with the world-class performance programme, would not be affected.

While in administration, British athletics has been forced to sell its Birmingham headquarters and, with the administration process understood to be costing some £30,000 a month, the moment when creditors receive their dividend cannot come quickly enough.

ALAN WELLER



Deborah Fenn, 17, from Gresham's School, prepares to fire during competition at Bisley yesterday. *The Times* Cup was won by Matthew Wilson, also of Gresham's, who was the only one of 1,200 shooters to put ten shots into the 3.3in V-bullseye at 300 yards

TENNIS: DEBATE OVER 'MISSING GAMES' CONTINUES EASTBOURNE TRADITION

Counting of counties sums up event

By Julian Muscat
Tennis correspondent

THE Inter-County Grasscourt Championships at Eastbourne has often been described as a law unto itself. Team managers know it, the players know it and so, too, does anyone attempting to follow its progress. Yesterday, it was the turn of John Hodges, the assistant referee, to have the impression reinforced on him.

Hodges was summoned to resolve a bizarre dispute in the ladies' doubles match between Warwickshire and South Wales. It was a delicate problem: two whole games seemed to have either disappeared off the face of the earth or never been contested at all.

Julie Sinkins, of Cardiff, was preparing cheerfully to serve a set and 1-0 to the good — as indicated by the scoreboard, which Sinkins herself had just updated. However, the women of Warwickshire were somewhat startled to learn of their predicament. They believed they were merely trailing 5-2 in the first set.

A full and frank exchange ensued in which it quickly became obvious that the matter could not be resolved without Hodges's intervention. Try as he might, Hodges, one of Britain's most experienced umpires, was as baffled as the four players themselves. "When players within the same team cannot agree how many times they have served in a match," he reflected later, "there's not a lot you can do."

To lose track of the score is one thing, but to forget whether you have served once or twice within a match testifies to the bewildering influence of County Week. The format bears as much resemblence to a conventional tournament as sunshine to thunderstorms, both of which, as it happens, were in abundance at Eastbourne yesterday. Players must play three matches a day and the absence of umpires, line judges and score keepers can be so disorientating that the participants are prone to such lapses.

In the end, Warwickshire won the argument to resume at 2-5, eventually lost the rubber, but ultimately won the match in a robust start to the defence of the title they won last year. Sterner tests await Warwickshire, although Essex, inched out on a countback of rubbers 12 months ago, suffered a shocking start when Mandy Wainwright was stretchered away from the court in her county's match against newly-promoted Surrey.

Wainwright, an Essex stalwart of late, was afflicted by severe muscle spasms that left her motionless on the ground for 15 minutes. She eventually recovered after physiotherapy but will play no part today and possibly beyond. The competition's rules also obliged her to forfeit the three matches in which she was involved, which facilitated Surrey's 6-3 triumph.

While Hodges dealt with the episode of the missing two games, Keith Dewick, the referee, was summoned to solve a more conventional dispute between the men of Devon and Lancashire. Tom Hand, from Plymouth, called a let as a stray ball from an adjacent court apparently distracted his return of Michael Ingham's serve. Hand's call arrived late enough to prompt a protest from Lancashire, which embraced some ten minutes before Dewick arrived to request that the point be replayed.

Both counties already feel the unwelcome noose of relegation: each was anxious to make a winning start. So much so that the Devon team, the perennial bad-boys, have largely abstained from their traditional high jinks, which generally involves great consumption of alcohol. How long their abstinence survives is open to considerable conjecture.

Meanwhile, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the defending men's champions, finished strongly to draw away from Buckinghamshire after the counties shared the first six rubbers. Hampshire were without their bastion of last year, Chris Wilkinson, who was prevented from joining the party yesterday as he was contesting the final of the Manchester Challenger. He is expected to arrive in Eastbourne today.

Best placing for Henman

TIM HENMAN, without striking a ball in competition last week, has moved up one place to No 11 in the latest world rankings announced by the Association of Tennis Professionals — the highest placing of his career.

Henman's rise came about because Felix Mantilla lost 65 points last week, allowing the British No 2, who has 2,088 ranking points, to move above the 23-year-old Spaniard.

Greg Rusedski, the British No 1, who is still bothered by the ankle injury that he incurred at the Stella Artois tournament last month, remains at No 6 in the world rankings. Like Henman, Rusedski, who has 2,706 points, is fortunate that he has no points to lose for the next four weeks.

Steffi Graf continued her comeback with an impressive straight-sets victory over Amanda Coetzer, 6-3, 6-3, to win the A & P Women's Tennis Classic in Mahwah, New Jersey on Sunday. It was Graf's sixth triumph in the 21-year history of the tournament, and her most decisive final victory there since she beat Nathalie Tauziat 6-0, 6-1 in 1989. Coetzer is ranked eighth in the world to Graf's No 57.

Graf, 29, who has won 103 titles in her 16-year professional career, had some problems with her backhand but her potent forehand and serve gave her a big edge against Coetzer in the 75-minute match.

Chris Wilkinson needed just more than an hour to win the LTA Manchester Challenger title for the second time in four years yesterday. The British No 3 defeated Stefano Pescosolido in a final that was held over from yesterday because of rain 6-3, 6-4 to take the £4,500 first prize and 60 ranking points. Rain returned shortly after Wilkinson completed victory.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Goodwill triumphs for top sprinters

■ **ATHLETICS:** Marion Jones and Ato Boldon, the world champion sprinters, won titles on the opening day of the Goodwill Games in New York.

Jones captured the 100 metres in 10.90sec, winning with her second-worst time of the year after a false start and racing into a headwind. "It wasn't a fast time but I'm happy for the victory," Jones said.

Boldon, from Trinidad, warmed up for the showdown with Donovan Bailey, of Canada, and Maurice Greene, of the United States, in the 100 metres today by winning the 200 metres in 20.15sec. Michael Johnson, the Olympic champion, withdrew because of his nagging injury problems.

Diane Modahl, of Great Britain, finished fifth in the women's 800 metres in 2min 02.01sec and Judy Oakes threw 18.12 metres for sixth place in the shot.

■ **ICE HOCKEY: After a six-year search, Britain's leading competition has found a sponsor and will now be known as the Sekonda Superleague. The package is worth more than £1 million over the next three years.**

■ **BADMINTON:** Asger Madsen, the England coach, has resigned to take up a post with the German Badminton Federation. He will remain with the Badminton Association of England until after the Commonwealth Games in September.

■ **LACROSSE: England must beat Australia in their final game of the round-robin qualifying series in the world championships in Baltimore to maintain their fourth place in the world rankings.**

■ **GOLF:** Annika Sorenstam cruised to an eight-stroke victory in the LPGA Big Apple Classic at New Rochelle, New York on Sunday. Sorenstam's four-round score of 19-under-par 265, broke the previous record of 15-under set by Betsy King in 1990.

■ **RUGBY LEAGUE: Stan Martin, the Whitehaven Warriors coach, Martin has resigned after nearly three years in charge at the first division club. The New Zealander said he felt he could take the team no further in the wake of their 25-14 home defeat by Keighley Cougars.**

■ **ICE HOCKEY:** Sheffield Steelers expect their all-time leading Superleague scorer Ken Priestlay to re-sign for next season within the next 48 hours.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GATESHEAD: IAAF Grand Prix II: Men: 100m: 1, M Devonish (GB) 10.36sec; 2, D Ladejo (GB) 10.55; 3, J Gardener (GB) 10.57; 4, A Condon (GB) 10.59; 5, I Mackie (GB) 10.65; 6, O Daku (GB) 10.68; 7, J Livingston (GB) 10.77; 8, J Henthorn (GB) 10.84. 300m: 1, D Walker (GB) 31.56; 2, M Richardson (GB) 31.87; 3, S Warren (GB) 32.23; 4, M Hylton (GB) 32.26; 5, I Thomas (GB) 32.36; 6, R Black (GB) 32.51; 7, J Deacon (GB) 33.13; 8, O Ladejo (GB) 33.20. 800m: 1, J McIlroy (Ire) 1min 46.87sec; 2, D Krummmacker (US) 1.47.47; 3, B Hanegan (Aus) 1.47.60; 4, J Lobo (GB) 1.47.74; 5, A Hart (GB) 1.47.74; 6, G Maczorn (Br) 1.48.69; 7, V Wilson (GB) 1.48.68; 8, A Geccondi (It) 1.49.56; 9, L Habade (SA) 1.49.90; 10, C Winrow (GB) 1.51.00. 2,000m: 1, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 4.48.36; 2, A Ezzine (Mor) 5.00.84; 3, K Sullivan (Can) 5.04.35; 4, N Bruton (Ire) 5.05.17; 5, S Benfares (Fr) 5.06.53; 6, E Maranga (Ken) 5.06.65; 7, D Kusang (Ken) 5.09.46; 8, K Porzanya (US) 5.13.43; 9, D Kibet (Ken) 5.21.75. Mile: 1, A Diaz (Sp) 3.56.19; 2, J Mayock (GB) 3.56.88; 3, M Pancorbo (Sp) 3.57.96; 4, N Caddy (GB) 3.58.49; 5, K McKay (GB) 3.58.52; 6, A Garcia (Sp) 3.58.61; 7, I Aden (Som) 3.58.96; 8, S Barden (GB) 3.59.86; 9, R Wilson (US) 4.01.80; 10, P Mayo (Ken) 4.13.82. 4 x 100m: 1, Great Britain A 39.31sec; 2, Great Britain B 39.55. 110m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB) 13.42; 2, A Jarrett (GB) 13.85; 3, P Gray (GB) 13.76; 4, S Ohjar (Lat) 13.90; 5, J Mazarov (Lat) 13.99; 6, A Tulloch (GB) 14.27; 7, D Greaves (GB) 14.49. High jump: 1, T Forsyth (Aus) 2.28m; 2, B Reilly (GB) 2.25; 3, S Strand (Swe) 2.20; 4, D Grant (GB) 2.20; 5 equal T Kemp (Bah) and L Papakostas (Gr) 2.15. Triple jump: 1, J Edwards (GB) 17.16; 2, A Kurennoy (Russ) 16.78; 3, L Achike (GB) 16.72; 4, J Golley (GB) 16.55; 5, A Owusu (Ghana) 16.50. Javelin: 1, S Backley (GB) 89.99; 2, M Roberson (GB) 85.67; 3, M Hill (GB) 81.08; 4, P Boden (Swe) 79.90; 5, P Fargemes (Nor) 68.70. Shot: 1, S Lombrechts (SA) 20.23m; 2, R Veastyuk (Ukr) 20.00; 3, M Proctor (GB) 19.86; 4, S Pickering (GB) 18.93; 5, C Myerscough (GB) No distance

Women: 400m: 1, A Cuttashaw (GB) 50.77; 2, P Davis (Bah) 50.78; 3, D Fraser (GB) 51.19; 4, E Goosens (Hol) 51.46; 5, C Howell (Jam) 53.01; 6, L Hanson (GB) 53.85; 7, R Nymeson (Nor) 55.71. 1,500m: 1, C Wustenhagen (Ger) 4.10.90; 2, A Crowe (GB) 4.12.11; 3, M Akkuka (Sue) 4.12.85; 4, A Davies (GB) 4.14.36; 5, H Pattinson (GB) 4.14.53; 6, L Gibson (GB) 4.14.72; 7, H Lyngstad (Nor) 4.15.09; 8, A Parkinson (GB) 4.16.60; 9, C Comelissen (SA) 4.24.68. 100m hurdles: 1, A Walker (Jam) 13.32sec; 2, A Kirkland (US) 13.44; 3, L Golding (Jam) 13.49; 4, B Foster (Jam) 13.64; 5, A Trumpe (Lat) 13.67; 6, D Lewis (GB) 13.95; 7, C Court (GB) 13.98. 400m hurdles: 1, A Blackett (Bar) 54.39sec; 2, N Bidouane (Mor) 54.71; 3, G Arradeca (Ice) 55.60; 4, N Danvers (GB) 55.69; 5, C Scott (Jam) 56.24; 6, V Jamison (GB) 57.16; 7, M Bjone (Nor) 57.90; 8, L van Heerden (SA) 59.40. Long jump: 1, H Drechsler (Ger) 6.89; 2, M Khnslova (Bul) 6.77; 3, S Trestiko (Ger) 6.74; 4, L Golding (Jam) 6.68; 5, N Boegman (Aus) 6.57

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 11 Milwaukee 6; San Diego 7 Cincinnati 6; Pittsburgh 6 Montreal 1; Philadelphia 7 New York Mets 6 (10innis): Houston 4 San Francisco 3 (12innis); Chicago Cubs 7 Florida 6 (12innis); St Louis 5 Los Angeles 4; Arizona 6 Colorado 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 3 Boston 1; Toronto 9 New York Yankees 3; Chicago White Sox 8 Cleveland 1; Oakland 5 Minnesota 2; Kansas City 4 Seattle 1; Baltimore 7 Anaheim 4; Texas 7 Tampa Bay 4

CRICKET

THE HAGUE: European amateur championships: England EC8 XI 244 (R Halcall 130) Denmark 116 EC8 XI won by 128 runs

LIBERTY MUTUAL CRICKETER CUP: Semi-finals: Feisted Robins 132 Old Tonbridgians 136-1. Bradfield Waifs 234 Rugby Meteors 235-6

AON TROPHY (one day) North Runcton: Northamptonshire 232-5 (G A White 57, A J Swann 50) Minor Counties 175-8 (T Fray 60) Northamptonshire won by 57 runs. Worcester: Glamorgan 229-8. Worcestershire 231-9 (E J Wilson 72) Worcestershire won by one wicket. Coggeshall: Surrey 275-6 (J A Knott 101, A D Patterson 78). Essex 232 (D G Wilson 71, N Shahid 5-33) Surrey won by 43 runs

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES. Under-17: Cumbria 180 Northumberland 194-7. Under-16: Norfolk 202-6 (D Whitney 54, H Straw 54) Hertfordshire 121 Norfolk won by 81 runs. Under-15: Hertfordshire 200-8 (A Parker 59, M Todd 5-48): Surrey 139 (K Morgan 6-49) Hertfordshire won by 61 runs. Worcestershire 293-4 (R Williamson 94 not out, J Clarke 55): Bedfordshire 185-9 Worcestershire won by 54 runs. Lancashire 200-5 (R Malcock 65 not out). Derbyshire 94-9 (Malcock 4-36) Match drawn. Warwickshire 115 (B Montgomery 5-16); Essex 116-5. Essex win by five wickets. Staffordshire 173-9 (J Cooper 53): Shropshire 132. Staffordshire won by 41 runs. Devon 122 (A Suppiah 4-24). Somerset 124-5. Somerset won by five wickets. Under-14: Northumberland 138 (T Bhatti 5-18): Yorkshire 139-1 (T Bhatti 68 not out) Yorkshire won by nine wickets. Under-13: Yorkshire 184-4 (P Cummins 68, T Bresnan 58 not out) East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire 39-4. Match drawn. Under-11: Stafford 147-4. Herefordshire 53-6. Match drawn

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Thongsbridge 181-4 Skelmanthorpe 179-9. Staithwaite 245-5 dec Lintharaite 156-7. Elland 98-1 Hall Bower 96-7. Broad Oak 160-7 Meltham 163-2. Kirkburton 237-6 Kirkheaton 63. Lascelles Hall 264-1 Holmfirth 91-9

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM CLUB: Open Championships: Singles: Quarter-finals: R T Fulford bt C Southorn +17, +23, +28; D K Openshaw bt S N Mullaner +16, +26TP, -25TP, +26TP; J E Fournier bt R L Barnicot +25TP, +15, -25STP, +17, +24TP; M N Avery bt C D Clarke +24STP, +26TP, -17TP, 26STP. Semi-finals: Fulford bt Openshaw +17, +26TP, +26TP; Fournier bt Avery +25, +23, +17TP. Doubles: sixth round: Mrozinski and Williams bt Avery and Jardine +24TP, -16TP, +21TP. Semi-finals: Clarke and Fulford bt Mrozinski and Williams +6, +23 Cornish and Maugham bt Bamford and Mullner +15, +14TP

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCH: Wrexham 3 Huddersfield Town 0

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE: Ninth stage (210km, Montauban to Paul): 1, L Van Bon (Hol, Rabobank) 5hr 21min 10sec; 2, J Voight (Ger, GAN) 3; M Lefi (It, Cofidis), 4, C Agnoletto (Fr, Casino) all same time, 5, F Zabel (Ger, Telekom) at 12sec behind; 6, R McEwan (Aus, Rabobank) 7, T Steels (Bel, Mapei), 8, M Traversoni (It, Marcatone Uno); 9, F Simon (Fr, GAN), 10, L Michaelsen (Den, TVM), 11, D Nazon (Fr, Française des Jeux), 12, S Ivanov (Russ, TVM), 13, B Ris (Den, Telekom), 14, R Aldag (Ger, Telekom), 15, A Tchmil (Bel, Lotto) all same time, 129, M Scanion (GB, Française des Jeux) same time. Leading overall positions (after nine stages): 1, L Desblaris (Fr, Cofidis) 41hr 31min 16sec; 2, A Tafi (It, Mapei) at 14sec behind; 3, J Durand (Fr, Casino) 43.00; 4, J Laukka (Fin, Lotto) 2min 54sec; 5, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) 3.21; 6, B Hamburger (Den, Casino) 4.39; 7, B Julich (US, Cofidis) 4.39, 8, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) 4.45; 9, V Ekimov (Russ, US Postal) 5.07; 10, V Garcia-Acosta (Sp) 5.11; 11, S O'Grady (Aus, GAN) 5.14; 12, A Olano (Sp, Banesto) 5.33; 13, J Happner (Ger, Telekom) 5.38; 14, S Heulot (Fr, Française des Jeux) 5.47; 15, Y Bezin (Russ, Française des Jeux) 6.01; 123, Scandi 13.21.

GOLF

MADISON, Mississippi: Deposit Guaranty Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 270: F Funk 69, 64, 69, 68. 272: T Loustalot 69, 69, 68, 66, F Langham 67, 67, 70, 68; P Goydos 66, 66, 72, 68. 273: P H Horgan III 75, 66, 66, 65, J Maginnes 70, 71, 66, 66. 274: K Triplett 68, 72, 68, 66; J Kelly 70, 69, 70, 68. C Smith 66, 68, 71, 69; A Doyle 67, 69, 69, 69. 275: B Bates 69, 70, 70, 66, J Delong 67, 73, 69, 66, G Waite (NZ) 68, 70, 67, 70

NEW ROCHELLE, New York: JAL Big Apple Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 285: A Sorenstam (Swe) 67, 65, 65, 67. 273: J Peacock (Aus) 67, 70, 66. 275: M Estill 71, 66, 65, 71. 276: B King 72, 67, 70, 67. 277: J Moodie (GB) 69, 70, 69, 69. T Barrett 67, 70, 70, 70. 278: A Acker-Macosko 71, 70, 70, 67. M Mallon 68, 66, 74, 70. 279: S Stenhauer 71, 68, 71, 69, L Hackney (GB) 68, 70, 71, 70; K Saiki 68, 69, 72, 70. P Hammel 64, 71, 70, 74

GENEVE, Switzerland: Rolex Trophy: Leading final scores: 276: D Park (Wales) 69, 65, 74, 68. P Nyamn (Swe) 71, 67, 69, 69. 278: J Berendt (Arg) 67, 71, 71, 69. 278: F Valera (Spl) 72, 70, 66, 71. C Hanell (Swe) 70, 71, 66, 71. 281: M Sana (It) 68, 74, 70, 69. J Bickerton (Eng) 70, 70, 70, 71. 282: R Winchester (Eng) 70, 68, 73, 71. 283: M Blackey (Eng) 69, 74, 73, 71; M Olander (Swe) 67, 77, 69, 70. 285: C Pottier (Fr) 69, 73, 72, 71. 286: M Persson (Swe) 69, 69, 76, 72. S Watson (Eng) 66, 71, 69, 77. 288: P Selton (Eng) 71, 74, 71, 72; C Challen (Eng) 74, 69, 73, 72. 289: M Soffiete (It) 73, 69, 73, 74. 291: F Bisazza (It) 68, 72, 76, 75. 292: F Guerrnani (It) 73, 70, 73, 76

HOCKEY

MORA, Sweden: European Nations Cup: Women's qualifying matches: Group A: Ukraine 6 Austria 1; Italy 4 Poland 1. Group B: Sweden 2 Azerbaijan 4; Belgium 3 Lithuania 4; Belgium 3 Azerbaijan 0; Sweden 0 Lithuania 7.

LACROSSE

BALTIMORE: World championships: Fourth day: Sweden 9 Czech Republic 8. Iroquois 8 United States 20; Canada 12 Australia 9; Germany 4 Japan 11, Wales 9 Scotland 14. Czech Republic 14 Scotland 15

ORIENTEERING

REIMS, France: World junior championships: Relays: Men: 1, Sweden I 2hr 15min 08sec; 2, Finland I 2:16:36; 3, France I 2:17:21. 16, Great Britain II (R Baker, E Nash, S Pishwick) 2:26:49. Women: 1, Finland I 2hr 11min 50sec; 2, Russia I 2:15:16; 3, Switzerland 2:16:29; 8 equal, Great Britain I (A Wiles, R Elder, J Whitehead) 2:35:42

SAILING

ATHENS: Mistral European championships: Final overall results: Men: Gold Fleet (after 11 races): 1, A Imbar (Isr) 52pts; 2, J Rodrigues (Por), 3, N Kakiamenakis (Grl British: 24, B Profitt 84pts, 30, D Tidey 215: 39, G Rogers 268. Silver Fleet (after 10 races): 1, A Kudyma (Pol) 83pts. 2, A Jones (GB) 100, 3, P Polak (Slovakia) 104. Other British: 4, N Dempsey 116pts, 6, J Gould 120, 10, J Scoular 146, 23, A Jackson 186, 24, G Monk, 200pts. Women (after 10 races): 1, M Herbert (Fr) 18pts; 2, A Sancini (It) 31, 3, N Sandinni (Fr) 37. British: 10, C Johnston 101pts, 21, J Clague 155; 22, H Cartwright 176, 25, E Rad 219.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial Meeting: Weekend Aggregate: 1, J Messer (NLRC) 344.42pts; 2, S Thomas (Central Bankers) 344.39; 3, J Paton (Canada) 342.39. Duke of Cambridge Trophy (800 yds): 1 equal, T Bodwell (Stock Exchange) and Messer 50 8pts; 3, T Fitzsimmons (Manchester) 50 8. The Times Cup (300 yds): 1, M Wilson (Gresham's School) 50.10pts, 2, N Harvey (NLRC) 50 9, 3, T Rainsbeck (Nottingham University) 50 9. Daily Mail Cup (600 yds): 1, G Childs (Epping) 75 14pts, 2, D Armstrong (Old Guildfordians) 75.13, 3, D Penn (Gresham's School) 75.13. Howcroft Newspaper Aggregate: 1, J Warburton (Huddersfield) 199.26pts, 2, D Richards (Old Marlburian) 198.27pts; 3, S Collings (Windsor) 198.26. Admiral Hutton Trophy (900 yds): 1, Collings 50.6/25.4pts; 2, N Brasier (Stock Exchange) 50 8/25 3; 3 Kamruddin (Malaysia) 50.8/25.2. Grand Aggregate Leaderboard (after four events): 1, Messer 249 32pts; 2, J Paton (Canada) 248.31, 3, Kamrudin 248.27; 4, S Glen (W Scotland) 247.33; 5, H Kilpatrick (W Scotland) 247.20; 6, A Ringer (UVRC) 247.20.

BARCELONA: World championships: Junior 50m prone: 1, J Hammond (GB) 596pts; 2, T Holmlumnd (Swe) 595; 3, M Simmons (US) 593.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World Group: Quarter-finals: Sweden bt Germany 3-2. American zone: Group one: Play-offs: Chile bt Colombia 5-0, Bahamas bt Mexico 3-1. Group two: Second round: Uruguay bt Peru 4-1; Venezuela bt Haiti 3-2. Play-offs: Cuba bt Guatemala 3-2; Paraguay bt Jamaica 5-0. European-Asian zone: Group two: Second round: Belarus bt Morocco 3-2; Portugal bt Yugoslavia 3-2; Hungary bt Slovenia 3-2. Play-offs: Ireland bt Monaco 5-0; Latvia bt Georgia 5-0. Asia-Oceania zone: Group one: Play-offs: South Korea bt China 4-1, Lebanon bt Indonesia 3-0. Group two: Second round: Thailand bt Taiwan 3-2, Pakistan bt Iran 4-1. Play-offs: Philippines bt Hong Kong 4-1; Qatar bt Pacific Oceania 4-1.

MAHWAH, New Jersey: A and P Classic: Final: S Graf (Ger) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-3, 6-3.

STUTTGART: Mercedes Cup: First round: D Hrbaty (Slovakia) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-3, 6-2, H Dreekmann (Ger) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-3, 6-0; J Knippschild (Ger) bt M Kohlmann (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, F Vicente (Sp) bt M Meneschinchert (It) 6-7, 7-5, 4-0 ret.

DIDSBURY: LTA Manchester Challenger: Final: C Wilkinson (GB) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-3, 6-4.

HATFIELD: European junior championships: Under-16: Boys: Singles: First round: D Kindlman (Ger) bt B Blum (Den) 6-0, 6-0; H Barkner (Liech) wo M Radic (Cro), M Kemermans (Hol) bt E Corduneanu (Mol) 6-3, 6-3, R Trys (Bel) bt S Vasario (Bela) 6-2, 6-7, 7-5; A Balzekas (Lit) bt P Schaefer (Lux) 6-0, 6-0, H Huremovic (Bih) bt J Vignola (It) 6-3, 6-1, R Tukacs (Lat) bt O Aydin (Tur) 6-2, 6-0; H Srugo (Isr) bt M Vilanova (Andorra) 6-0, 6-0; P Bergor (Nor) bt R Valenti (Switz) 7-6, 6-2, 7-5; R Karounuic (Cro) bt J Silva (Por) 6-3, 6-2; D Pavlovs (Lat) bt A Rosenqvist (Swe) 6-6, 6-3, 6-0; D DeGroot (Hol) bt T Zolenny (Slovenia) 6-2, 6-1, M Gurman (Slovakia) bt M Bogic (Bsn) 6-0, 6-2; K Mitrovski (Mol) bt S Lagerlof (Fin) 6-3, 6-1; M Nawrath (Cz) bt T Swissa (Isr) 6-4, 6-3; P Mathieu (Fr) bt A Schweiger (Liech) 6-0, 6-1; G Lazarakis (Gr) bt K Zabkicki (Pol) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Girls: Singles: First round: A Rockeline (Lat) bt B Saidol (Aus) 6-1, 6-2, C Reba (Ger) bt R But (Rom) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, J Lindstrom (Swe) bt C Anstis (Switz) 6-0, 6-0, S Kvalsten (Est) bt A Gumuscu (Tur) 6-4, 6-3; I Jankovic (Lith) bt B Hrdlicz (Aus) 6-3, 7-5; M Hoogland (Holl) bt L Dekmeijere (Lux) 6-1, 6-4, N Fisr (GB) bt H Mygind (Den) 6-2, 6-1; M Somolinova (Russ) bt C Maes (Bol) 7-5, 1-6, 6-1; G Fetisa-Heidneva (Russ) bt N Zender (Slovenia) 6-7, 6-4, 7-5, A Eriksson (Swe) bt C Francois (Lux) 6-4, 6-1

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday July 25

Coupon no. fixture forecast

VICTORIA
SECOND DIVISION
1 Altona v Regent X
2 Cranbourne v Oakleigh 2
3 East Richmond v East Brunswick X
4 Glen Eira v Frankston S 1
5 Maroondah v Knox X
6 Moorabbin v Bentleigh 2
7 OS Waverley v Melbourne 1
THIRD DIVISION
8 Bell Pk v Stonnington 2
9 Chelsea v S Wembee X
10 Diamond v Banyule 1
11 Fitzroy v N Coburg 1
12 Keilor v Geelong 2
13 Pascoe v Frankston P 2
14 S Springvale v Keysboro 1
FOURTH DIVISION
15 Geelong R v Moreland X
16 Langwarrin v Corio 1
17 Sandringham v Nunawading 1
18 Seaford U v Melton 1
19 S Warrnbra v W Eagles 1
20 Sunbury v S Caulfield 1
21 Williamstown v Ormond 1
WEST AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE
22 Bayswater v Joondalup 1
23 Cockburn v Fremantle 2
24 Dianella v Perth 2
25 Inglewood v Athena X
26 Knights v Sorrento X
27 Stirling U v Kingsway 1
FIRST DIVISION
28 Armadale v Perth City 2
29 Ashfield v Southside U 1
30 N Lake v Bassendean 2
31 Queens Park v Rockingham 1
32 Swan IC v Stirling S 1
33 Wanneroo v Balcatta X
SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE
34 Blue Eagles v Port Lon 1
35 Croydon v Campbelltown 2
36 Elizabeth v Olympians 1
37 WT Birkalla v Adel de Rt
38 White City v Cumbert 02
FIRST DIVISION
39 Ad Hills v Para Hills 1
40 Enfield v Salisbury 1
41 Modbury v Adelaide C 1
42 Port Pine v Seaford X
43 Western v Noarlunga X
QUEENSLAND FIRST DIVISION
44 Annerley v Moggill 1
45 Bayside v Southside 2
46 Dana v Goodna 1
SECOND DIVISION
47 Archerfld v Kingsridge X
48 Bethania v Greenbank 1
49 Jimboomba v Pine Hills X

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams) Altona 6, Richmond, Maroondah, Chelsea, Geelong, Inglewood, Knights, Wanneroo, P 2, 5, 6, W Suburb, Archerfield, Jimboomba.

AWAYS. Oakleigh, Broadmeadows, Frankston Pines, Fremantle, Perth City, Bassendean, Cumberland

HOMES: Diamond Vale, South Springvale, Sandringham, Sunbury, Bayswater, Stirling, Macedonia, Swan IC, Blue Eagles, Elizabeth.

BEST DRAWS: Altona, Chelsea, Inglewood, Wanneroo, Port Pin

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BOXING

Neary aspires to widen his appeal

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing correspondent

SHEA NEARY, the World Boxing Union (WBU) light-welterweight champion from Liverpool, gets his chance to make an impression on British supporters when he appears live on ITV for the first time tonight. Neary, 30, is the most exciting boxer in Britain, but is little-known outside Merseyside. He has been largely ignored by boxing writers because he does not belong to one of the influential stables and holds the title of a comparatively new world organisation, though the WBU has some good champions.



Neary: breathtaking

Neary's performance against Andy Holligan, in March, was breathtaking in its intensity. A performance anything like that against Naas Scheepers, of South Africa, at the Kingsway Leisure Centre, Widnes, could establish Neary as a crowd favourite.

According to John Hyland, the promoter, ITV is delighted with the match. Scheepers, who made George Scott, the highly regarded Swedish light-welterweight, fight all the way, is almost 6ft tall, a southpaw and durable. It could mean a difficult night for the champion, who needs to look as explosive in this contest as he has in all his 19 previous bouts, 16 of which have ended inside the distance. Neary has no amateur record and is a latecomer to boxing, having turned professional at 24, but he is a dedicated trainer and has developed a no-nonsense style.

Neary will be after the South African straight away. He runs the risk of being surprised by an early counter-attack, but Neary *is no longer* the face-first fighter he used to be. Having worked under Thel Torrance in Las Vegas for some weeks before his bout with Holligan, Neary has acquired good attacking movements that leave him *well placed to land ferocious* combinations to the body and head.

The South African is not only six years younger, though, but more experienced than Neary, having had 32 contests, losing six. Both men are *prone to cuts*, which points to a potentially bloody affair.

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New chairman backs Mayfair Agreement as Cardiff and Swansea bid to join Premiership

Welsh clubs provide first test for Baister

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

THE bushfires that have characterised English rugby over the past two years may have been dampened by the change of management that took place at the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) annual meeting on Sunday, but they are by no means over. As Brian Baister, the new chairman of the management board, moved through the Twickenham departments yesterday, his first headache arrived in the shape of a first-division fixture list embracing two Welsh clubs.

Cardiff and Swansea, who have been at loggerheads with the Welsh Rugby Union, both appear in a putative fixture schedule prepared by the leading English clubs before the vote at the National Exhibition Centre that swept Cliff Brittle from power. They may be friendly fixtures, but it is only a short step to a first-division table that records their success and is the last thing that the new administration — which emphasised its opposition yesterday — needs.

The altered political perspective has placed a huge responsibility upon the Allied Dunbar Premiership clubs to behave with a maturity that they have not always shown. In effect, the 865 clubs that voted to end 30 months of political infighting have told the senior clubs that they believe Baister is someone with whom they can do business; it is up to the clubs to show that this is so.

Yet as delegates left Birmingham on Sunday evening, many in a mood of euphoria and optimism, one leading club representative suggested that Baister's success had made it harder for the clubs to determine their next course of action. In his view, the time had come to force the issue over links with Welsh and French clubs and pull the rug from under the European Cup as it now exists.

Such a course of action would be disastrous, and would throw the ball back into the court of the discomfited Brittle, Fran Cotton, his chief lieutenant, and their pressure body, the Reform Group. Cotton still holds a mandate to call another special general meeting, which could accuse the RFU of bringing the game into disrepute in its handling of the transition from amateurism to professionalism and would welcome any further excuse to belabour the clubs.

If ever there was a time for Tom Walkinshaw, the Gloucester owner and leader of the club negotiating team that brought in the Mayfair Agreement between the clubs and the RFU in May, Keith Barwell (Northampton), Peter Wheeler (Leicester) and their ilk to muzzle their recalcitrant colleagues, notably from Newcastle and Harlequins, it is now, however imperfect the agreement that is designed to stand for seven years and that Baister is pledged to support.

The Mayfair Agreement discourages cross-border competitions that do not have the approval of governing bodies, but Cardiff and Swansea are expected to confirm tomorrow their desire to join the Premiership; it has also been suggested that Cardiff could withdraw from European competition next season, with the possibility of a ripple effect spreading to French clubs and thereby destroying the tournament.

In the present climate, that would be the worst possible scenario for Baister to begin his tenure in office, which he recognised yesterday. "The RFU will directly oppose any fixtures that would affect and interrupt the Premiership programme," he said.

"We expect to see a fixture list for all Premier games available for approval this week and anticipate that this will be in line with the structured season agreed between the clubs and the RFU."

Baister knows he must also talk to those who opposed his election: "People in the Reform Group have campaigned behind the words openness, honesty and integrity," he said. "I hope they practise what they preach. The possibility of a sgm hangs over us. I have a few weeks to demonstrate I am an open-ended, honest broker with their concerns in mind."

Baister stands, and could yet fall, with the Mayfair Agreement and he will know more of the clubs' attitudes when he holds his first management board meeting on Thursday. "The governing body should be an enabling body that allows us to thrive and prosper, not to be frightened that we might come up with some good ideas," Wheeler said. For all his sympathy with clubs such as Cardiff, Wheeler would appreciate the incongruity of an English fixture list that could begin with a game between the champions, Newcastle, and Welsh opponents.

This has to be the season in which the English clubs show that all is healthy in their own backyard, that their development programmes are in place and that they can work with the governing body. "English clubs need to be a catalyst to sort out the differences between the home unions," Baister said. They could also plunge the English game back into chaos.

CRICKET

Bore draw fails to lift South Africa spirits after loss of Klusener

By Richard Hobson

DERBY (final day of three): Derbyshire drew with the South Africans

LANCE KLUSENER will not be rejoining the South Africa tour, it was confirmed after tests in his homeland yesterday. The foot problem that restricted him to 17 overs in the third Test against England at Old Trafford was diagnosed as tendinitis in the tendon flexing the big left toe. Rest is no cure and he will undergo surgery in Pretoria today.

With Shaun Pollock demonstrating his fitness against Derbyshire, South Africa have decided not to send for a replacement. Klusener, who flew home last week but had hoped to return to play in the fourth Test at Trent Bridge on Thursday, will also miss the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. Developments off the field proved far more interesting than the cricket on it at Derby. Adam Bacher, the South Africans' twelfth man, encapsulated the way proceedings drifted towards a conclusion long since recognised as inevitable by dragging a "coffin" case on to the outfield to relieve the tedium.

As well as the saga of Klusener, South Africa suffered another distraction when Daryll Cullinan was hit on the end of a finger during morning fielding drill. X-rays revealed no damage and Cullinan returned to bowl some friendly, flighted spin in the afternoon.

The game finished at 5.21pm, the earliest opportunity, with Matthew Cassar 91 not out in Derbyshire's second innings of 337 for four. Such was the eventual domination of bat over ball on a benign pitch that it became hard to recall that, at one stage in the game, the touring side had restricted Derbyshire to 94 for six first time around.

Michael Slater was named man of the match for the way he retrieved that situation, and the Australia batsman had every reason to expect a second century as he extended his opening partnership with Michael May to 143. On 63, however, he edged an attempted cut off Adams to Boucher and it was May, instead, who went on to greater things.

To no beholder can May be an aesthetic batsman. On 25 he was dropped by Boucher off Pollock and throughout made liberal use of the inside edge to fine leg. Like Jim Yardley, who kept third man well employed while batting for Worcestershire and Northamptonshire in the Seventies, May must be a considerable irritation to bowlers.

Good luck to him. He boasts a career average of around 40 so he can say that his method is working. Indeed, there was nothing wrong with the pull through mid-wicket off Ntini that took him to 101 in 233 minutes, and his tally of runs against touring teams to 450 in six innings. Next ball, he offered a thin nick to a wide ball that, this time, Boucher managed to hold.

Pollock restricted himself to a single morning spell, which says something for South Africa's priorities. Derbyshire, at least, had the incentive of £11,000 put up by the match sponsor to win the game. But they showed no inclination to accelerate as Cassar, driving sweetly, and Spendlove settled for time in the middle.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 337 (M J Slater 185).

Second Innings

M J Slater c Boucher b Adams	63
M R May c Boucher b Ntini	101
R M S Weston lbw b Kallis	3
M E Cassar not out	91
T A Tweats run out	27
B L Spendlove not out	32
Extras (b 3, lb 9, nb 8)	20
Total (4 wkts)	337

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-141, 2-160, 3-189, 4-254.

BOWLING: Pollock 18-8-35-0; Ntini 17-1-69-1; Cronje 5.1-1-19-0; Hayward 11-0-41-0; Adams 26-4-71-1; Kallis 15-5-43-1; Cullinan 13-4-47-0

SOUTH AFRICANS: First Innings 453 for 9 dec (W J Cronje 195, D J Cullinan 80; T M Smith 5 for 88).

Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Harris.



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May pulls a shot to the boundary during his century on the final day against the South Africans at Derby

Sussex make light of cruel weather

By Pat Gibson

THERE are those who believe that playing floodlit cricket in England is like staging ice-hockey in the Sahara or camel racing in Alaska. Sussex's pioneering efforts in the Axa League are beginning suggest that they are right.

They caught a cold with their first venture when only 2,500 people turned up to see them play Lancashire on a chilly night in April, but they were confident that they would make up the loss against Middlesex last night after one of the warmest days of the summer on the South Coast.

Then, an hour into the game, the stormclouds rolled in from the sea, the thunder rumbled and soon the rain came down to wreck their hopes of a capacity crowd of 6,000.

Sussex also have a problem with the residents of the flats overlooking the ground, who are not too keen on the idea either. The club's application to install permanent floodlights at a cost of £180,000 goes before Brighton and Hove Council on August 4.

The other issue last night was whether the lights would be necessary at all after Middlesex, joint leaders before the weekend, followed their defeat by bottom-of-the-table Surrey 24 hours earlier with another abysmal batting display.

They were again without Mark Ramprakash, their captain, who was confined to bed with tonsillitis on the day before the England team gathers for the fourth Test at Trent Bridge. "The England management is fully aware of Mark's ailment and we are keeping them up to date," Ian Gould, the Middlesex coach, said.

Middlesex made a wretched start when Langer and Brown were run out inside the first six overs by two magnificent pieces of fielding by Adams and Bevan. Martin-Jenkins kept the pressure on by taking the wicket of Weekes in an impressive eight-over spell that cost only 12 runs and though Shah and Nash had taken Middlesex to 69 for three when the rain came they went from bad to worse when play resumed.

Shah and Nash were out to successive balls from Bevan before Adams ran through the tail, taking five for 16.

Halsall's batting reigns on matting

By Our Sports Staff

RICHARD HALSALL propelled the England ECB XI to their first win of the European amateur championships in The Hague yesterday with a powerful 130 that left Denmark demoralised and beaten by 128 runs.

Halsall, the Eastbourne captain, arrived at the crease after Soren Sorensen had reduced England to 31 for three. Despite failing to reach double figures against Ireland and Scotland and lacking practice on the matting wickets, he took only 70 balls to reach his half-century before accelerating to three figures from another 24.

When he was eighth out, Halsall had faced only 109 balls, striking eight sixes among his 17 boundaries. England were dismissed for 244, two deliveries short of their 50 overs, but with Halsall taking two wickets as well. Denmark were unable to mount a challenge and subsided to 116 all out. The Danes, who were locked in their dressing room for 40 minutes by Ole Mortensen, their coach and former Derbyshire bowler, after the game, look likely to finish bottom of the round-robin stage, forcing them into a play-off against the best of the second division teams, probably Germany.

The day-night Axa League game at Old Trafford between fifth-placed Lancashire and Worcestershire, standing tenth, began almost two hours late as a 25 overs-a-side match because of heavy rain.

Devon Malcolm, the former England fast bowler, proved he is still quicker than the rest, even if he is no longer wanted by his country. Malcolm outdid Franklyn Rose, his Northamptonshire colleague, as well as Courtney Walsh, Nixon McLean, Andy Caddick and Ed Giddins, registering 88mph on the same radar gun that has been used in recent Test matches.

Rose was timed at the same speed as Malcolm in the event organised as part of Walsh's testimonial year at Gloucestershire, but the former Derbyshire bowler scooped the £750 Waterford Crystal prize by prevailing in a bowl-off, retaining his pace and also managing to hit the wickets.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Struggling Huddersfield remove Schofield as coach

By Christopher Irvine

GARRY SCHOFIELD yesterday became the first and least surprising coaching casualty in the JJB Super League this year when Huddersfield Giants, the bottom-placed club, relieved him of the role, but asked him to remain on the playing roster.

Schofield, eight months into a three-year contract, has no intention of playing for Huddersfield, while he considers his legal position. He has appeared as a substitute twice this season, but found that coaching and playing were incompatible. At 33, the former Great Britain captain has no particular wish to return to a full-time playing career.

Phil Veivers, the Australian player-assistant coach, took charge at training yesterday as Huddersfield prepared for their roadshow game against Hull Sharks at Gateshead on Friday. The club wants to install a director of rugby, to oversee all coaching and management duties, and felt that Schofield could be more usefully employed on the pitch.

Andy Goodway, the Great Britain coach and assistant to John Monie at Wigan Warriors, and Shaun McRae, who is out of contract at St Helens at the end of the season, are possible candidates as Huddersfield, with only two wins in 13 Super League matches, look to arrest their decline.

With no relegation from Super League this year, the situation whereby seven coaches were dismissed in the first three months of last season has been avoided.

Schofield was always vulnerable as Huddersfield struggled with the transition from the first division, although he had insisted that he was not under pressure at board level. Schofield's appointment followed the dismissal of Steve Ferres, who had led Huddersfield into the Super League and to the divisional premiership title, and relied on the shaky theory that distinguished players make fine coaches. Not that Schofield was given enough time to prove it either way.

"Garry has had to contend with an horrendous injury list and we do not apportion blame to him," Les Coulter, the Huddersfield chief executive, said.

Cardiff rugby union club has given its formal support to the Cardiff Super League franchise application, while Barry Maranta, the former London Broncos owner, is stepping up Swansea's bid. Both stage Super League matches this weekend.

BOWLS

Selectors prepare Wilson for victory

By David Rhys Jones

KELLY WILSON, from Laurieston, won the British Isles women's Under-25 championship at Royal Leamington Spa when she beat Paula Montgomery, of Ireland, 21-19, in an exciting final.

When Wilson, 23, was left out of the Scotland team for the morning match with Ireland, to enable her to prepare for the singles, she wondered whether the selectors had made the right decision.

"I was happier when they told me I could have a roll-up in the morning, so I challenged my dad, Jack, and beat him on an adjoining green," she said.

After she defeated Cheryl Northall, the English junior champion, from Torquay, 21-2, in the semi-finals, another swift match appeared on the cards when Wilson opened up an 11-1 lead over Montgomery. The Irish champion then clawed her way back, taking the lead at 16-14, and was holding a match lie on the penultimate end when Wilson drew two shots to lead 20-19.

Montgomery was also holding shot on the next end when Wilson fired it out with an accurate drive. The Irish player's attempt to save was a few inches out.

Earlier, England had regained the British junior team title, even though they lost heavily — and unexpectedly — to Wales in the final match of the series. England, Scotland and Wales finished level with two wins in three matches, but England's superior shots credit of 61 saw them through, 19 shots ahead of the Scots, with Wales in third place.

FOOTBALL

Dalglish rejects criticism of new signing Guivarc'h

By Our Sports Staff

KENNY DALGLISH, the Newcastle United manager, yesterday backed his decision to spend £3.5 million on Stephane Guivarc'h, the France striker who failed to contribute a single goal to his country's World Cup triumph.

Dalglish signed the former Auxerre striker before he was widely criticised for his woeful finishing during the host nation's triumphant campaign. Guivarc'h missed a number of chances, particularly during the one-sided final against Brazil, but Dalglish has little doubt that he has recruited a centre forward of quality.

The Newcastle manager was in Paris to watch the final, when the striker's movement and strong running did cause Brazil's defence problems, and was quick to allay any worries Newcastle supporters might have. "When was the last time there was a World Cup winner playing for this club? And when was the last time someone who scored 60 goals in his previous two seasons came to this club?" Dalglish asked.

"If you are able to score over 60 goals in French football over two years it is not a bad start. I only saw him live in the final but obviously I saw him in the other French games on television and I've no worries over him."

Ronaldo will miss Internazionale's opening Serie A match in September through suspension, it was announced yesterday. The Brazil striker criticised the referee after Inter were beaten by eventual champions Juventus in an important league game in April.

Ronaldo was initially dealt a two-match ban, which was lifted later on a technicality. After a review of the latter decision, the league has now decided to reinstate a one-game penalty.

Arsenal are close to gaining approval to move their European Cup Champions' League games this season from Highbury to Wembley in a bid to double crowd attendances. Uefa, the European governing body, has backed the plan that must now receive support from the FA in order to go ahead.

The switch would mean attendances could be doubled for the European matches, for which Arsenal hope they would attract more than 70,000. Highbury's capacity for the Champions' League would be only 34,000, a figure reduced because of higher perimeter advertising boards for such games.

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O'Meara flowers late in life

The Open champion had too much skill and experience for the younger pretenders to the Auld Claret Jug, John Hopkins, golf correspondent, says

MARC ASPLAND



O'Meara savours the moment when he became the Open champion of 1998 at Birkdale on Sunday evening

As Mark O'Meara climbed into Tiger Woods's private jet at Liverpool airport yesterday morning to fly home to Orlando, Florida, Justin Rose and his parents boarded a plane at Manchester airport to fly to London and on to their home in Hook, Hampshire.

Thousands of feet above the Atlantic, O'Meara cradled the replica trophy and thought about the irony of being considered Woods's mentor and outplaying him in two of the year's three major championships. O'Meara is Woods's closest friend and the two had been to Ireland together before the Open Championship, honing their skills on windy seaside courses on which patience is almost as important as putting.

This preparation undoubtedly helped Woods to his best finish in an Open. Equally, it put the finishing touches to O'Meara's game, which has reached such a level that he has won nearly £700,000 in prize-money alone from the Masters last April and the Open. For O'Meara, who is 41 and turned professional the year that Rose was born, life really did begin at 40.

Rose, meanwhile, sat back and dreamt of the day that he led the Open, the way he completed his mansized task by finishing joint fourth, the scores of young girls who clamoured for his autograph, discarded banana skins, used tees. He contemplated his future as a professional and wondered whether it might include a day when he, like O'Meara, will hold up the most historic trophy in golf.

Thus did two of the men who dominated the 127th Open leave the scene on which they had stamped their personalities so clearly. One or other of them, and sometimes both, were almost always in the centrepiece of a most unpredictable championship.

Another, Brian Watts, ultimately did what men of his ilk are supposed to do. While courageously competing to the end, he found that the skill and experience of O'Meara was too much for him. For a man who had hitherto thought himself not good enough to compete in the United States, second place in this historic championship was like coming first.

The Open confounds, surprises and delights. Just when it seems as though every possible surprise has been experienced, fate delivers another. This year it was the exhilarating experience of watching Rose, 17, with a winning smile and a winning way justify his place alongside some of the most grizzled and successful golfers in the world, one of whom — O'Meara — is old enough to be his father.

Great Britain loves young heroes and one of the main memories of a championship that seemed full to overflowing with them was of seeing Watts putting on the 16th green when, from the 18th, came a truly stupendous roar that acknowledged Rose's pitch into the hole on the last.

The past two major championships have been won with totals of level par. The United States Golf Association appears to set out to defend the sanctity of par in its premier championship at all costs. Last month, during the US Open at the Olympic club in San Francisco, for example, the fairways were so narrow and the rough so thick that players were able to use their drivers only occasionally. The criticism of this policy is that a legitimate part of golf — the full-blooded drive — is thus taken from a player's armoury.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, on the other hand, prepared Royal Birkdale for a straight fight between its 7,000 yards of prime golfing territory and the players, with the weather choosing to enter on whichever side of the fray it felt like.

On the first day of the championship, for example, it helped the players and 28 of them were under par. The fairways were of a width that encouraged aggression, yet contained a degree of risk, and the course was in magnificent condition.

Rarely can the £300,000 that has been spent since 1991 on improving the course's greens, installing new tees and removing acres of the Lancashire weed have been so well invested. "It turned the greens from the worst in recent Open history into just about the best," Sir Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the R and A, said.

Then the R and A stood back and let the world's best players at it. Their view was that, if the winner was 12 or 15 under par, so be it. The stone edifice of the R and A's clubhouse at St Andrews would not crumble and the championship be diminished. Equally, if the wind blew fiercely and the course bared every one of its considerable teeth, and level par or one or two over was the winning score, then there was nothing wrong with that.

The criticism from Ian Woosnam, among others, that the strong wind on Saturday made some of the holes almost unplayable was firmly rejected by Hugh Campbell, the chairman of the R and A's championship committee, who chose instead to remember the fact that players such as Tom Watson and Ben Crenshaw had privately congratulated him on the condition of the course and the examination that it presented.

Campbell dismissed suggestions that the course should have been shortened. "The Open Championship is not played from the ladies' tees," he said loftily.

The result was a championship that had been mouthwatering in prospect and turned out to be breathtaking in reality. One of the last to be staged under the secretaryship of Sir Michael, who is due to retire by the year 2000, it was truly a championship fit for a knight.



Watts's deft bunker shot at the 18th forced the play-off with O'Meara

TELEVISION CHOICE

Black pigs for breakfast



The Norwegian vet Trude Mostrue with a feline patient (BBC1, 8.00pm)

Vets in Practice
BBC1, 8.00pm

As with the doctors who featured in the BBC2 documentary, the young vets yielded better footage as struggling students than they have since they qualified and settled into their careers. But the BBC clearly believes that there is more to be squeezed out of the lives of Trude, Emma, Joe and company and here they are again. We catch up with the ever-smiling Trude from Norway as she eats her breakfast off the car dashboard and renews the acquaintance of an old patient, Wilbur, the grumpy black pig she castrated in a previous series. Joe, meanwhile, is nervously tackling his first snake, not something they taught him about at vet school. On the domestic front Trude has split with her boyfriend but Joe has finally agreed to tie the knot with Emma, his fellow vet.

Loved By You
ITV, 8.30pm

A sitcom which hangs by the slender thread of a young couple trying to preserve the romance in their marriage continues to owe much to the personality and skill of John Gordon-Sinclair. He has made a speciality of playing types that are at once infuriating but loveable, able to charm their way out of messes that most people would never get themselves into in the first place. Much of *Loved By You* is built around this, though Gordon-Sinclair's Michael has a wife (Trevyn McDowell) who is not only forbearing but capable of having her revenge. So when Michael gullibly invests £5,000 in a computer system, attracted by the prospect of having virtual encounters with the supermodel Caprice Borret, Kate devises the perfect way of hitting back.

Equinox: The Bodyhunters
Channel 4, 9.00pm

You always feel uneasy when television tries to solve in a few days a mystery that has stood for years, because hopes can be so cruelly raised. This is a film about Allan Addis, a young Royal Marine, who disappeared while on service in the Falklands in 1980. He had been having a drunken evening with some mates and the official verdict was that either he had fallen into the sea and drowned or else died of exposure. But no body has been found and four locals arrested and questioned were released without charge. Enter John Hunter, an archaeology professor, and Mick Swindells, a police sergeant, who have an impressive track record in finding long-lost bodies. But as Addis's mother, Ann, waits for news from the Falklands, is she going to be disappointed once more?

42 Up
BBC1, 9.30pm

In the early 1960s Granada Television and the director Michael Apted interviewed a cross-section of British seven-year-olds with the intention of revisiting them every seven years. Although the project has now moved to the BBC, the promise has been kept and in two films today and tomorrow we meet the subjects again at the age of 42. Whether this longest of television documentaries can offer valid generalisations about one generation of Britons is one thing but the individual stories remain compelling. Nick at seven said he wanted to "find out about the Moon and all that". Today he is an associate professor in nuclear fusion in Wisconsin. For Symon, black and brought up in a children's home, life has been more difficult but he seems to have come to terms with his unpromising start. We hear also from Sue and Jackie, school friends from East London, about marriage, divorce and single motherhood. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Saturday Morning Cinema
Radio 2, 9.00pm

I have lately been complaining, elsewhere in *The Times*, about radio's tendency to carry too much programming that amounts to television without pictures, thus my groans when I spotted this title. But never fear, this is an amusing and evocative reminiscence about the glorious days of yore, when cinemas were filled with yelling children every Saturday morning. Whatever happened to that? Television, and especially video, plus lesser competition from weekend activities, seems to have finished off Saturday morning cinema. John Walters tells its story here, helped by Sally Thomsett, Keith Chegwin and Melvyn Hayes, who recall the heady days of water bombs heaved into the stalls from the balcony.

Choral Voices
Radio 3, 4.00pm

The reason people sing at football matches is connected to the reason they sing in the bath: communal singing and bathroom acoustics give each individual a sense that he or she has a real singing voice. The proof that this belief is a grand folly (but one that must be perpetuated at all costs) lies in this programme, the start of a series presented by Paul Guinery, which contains singing of the highest order. The BBC Singers are the stars and each programme takes a different era or type of music, beginning tonight with the Elizabethans. The series as a whole has an enormous range, from the Russian Orthodox tradition, through the variety of European folk music to 20th-century American choral music. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 3.00 Dave Pearce. Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session. Includes sessions by the Fun Lovin' Criminals and the Pecadillos 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel. 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 *Jimmy Young* 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Carl Davis Classics 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Saturday Morning Cinema. See Choice 10.00 Rodgers and Hart 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Any Sporting Questions? A panel of sporting celebrities, including the former Wales rugby union captain Ieuan Evans and the British 400 metres runner Alison Curbishley, take questions from a studio audience at Bath RUFC 9.00 Extra Time. Sporting nostalgia 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Jonathan Ross 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Peter Poulton 5.00 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.00am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night 5.00 Bill Overton

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 About Face 8.00 News 8.15 Off The Shelf 8.30 Welcome to my World 8.45 The Lab 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Musical of the Week 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Songs of Home 10.30 Slow Train 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 On Screen 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm About Face 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack Hit List 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westway 4.30 The Greenfield Collection; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Out for the Count; (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 One Planet 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Megamix 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Discovery 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian Live 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Michael Mappin 8.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Record of the Week and the High Flyer 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones introduces listeners' favourite pieces of music 2.00pm Concerto. C.P.E. Bach (Flute Concerto in A major) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Includes travel, sport and business news, plus Afternoon Romance and Continuous Classics 5.30 Newsnight. Arts issues and news updates, with John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning introduces two hours of easy-listening sounds 9.00 Evening Concert Wagner (Overture: The Flying Dutchman); Dvořák (Song to the Moon); Kodaly (Dances of Galanta); Mahler (Symphony No 5 in C sharp minor) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music through the small hours introduced by Alan Mann 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air**, with Petroc Trelawny. Includes Mozart, orch Stokowski (Rondo alla turca); Prokofiev (The Montagues and the Capulets, Romeo and Juliet)
9.00 **Masterworks**, with Penny Gore. Includes Tchaikovsky (Festival Overture on the Danish National Anthem); Debussy (Rhapsody); Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor); Debussy (Premiere Rapsodie)
10.30 **Proms Artist of the Week: Yan Pascal Tortelier**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Henry VIII**
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Karol Szymanowski**
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert: Cheltenham Festival 1998.** Skampa Quartet. Judith Hall, flute. Mozart (Quartet in D for flute and strings, K285); Jonathan Lloyd (The Apprentice's Sorcery for solo flute, first performance) Janáček (String Quaret No 2, Intimate Letters)
2.00 **BBC Proms 98.** Another chance to hear Sunday's Prom, a performance of Szymanowski (King Roger) (r)
3.45 **Rubinstein.** The pianist Artur Rubinstein plays music by Chopin
4.00 **Choral Voices.** See Choice
4.45 **Quartet**, by Steve May (2/12)
5.00 **In Tune.** Humphrey Carpenter looks back over the history of the Laban Dance Centre in London
7.00 **BBC Proms 98.** Live from the Albert Hall, London. The first of this year's Proms commissions. Kyoko Takezawa, violin, Paul Agnew, tenor, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. Elgar (Overture: Froissart); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor) 7.45 Beethemz. A story by Penelope Fitzgerald commissioned by Radio 3 and *BBC Music Magazine*. Reader David Troughton (r) 8.05 Concert, part two. Julian Anderson (The Stations of the Sun, first performance); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 3, Pastoral)
9.20 **Postscript: Choice Grenfell** (2/5) (r)
9.35 **Violin Pyrotechnics.** Ruggiero Ricci performs music for the violin including Milstein's arrangement of Liszt's *Mephisto Waltz*
10.00 **BBC Proms 98.** Live from the Albert Hall, London. John Harle and David Pountney (Angel-Magick, first London performance) With Donald Maxwell, baritone. William Purefoy, countertenor, Andrew Forbes-Lane, tenor, Fretwork, the Bauhaus Band under John Harle
11.30 **Jazz Notes**, with Alyn Shipton. Includes a new monthly feature, looking at Legends of Swing
12.00 **Proms Composer of the Week: Rameau** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night**, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today**, with Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 **(LW) Yesterday in Parliament**
9.00 **Unreliable Evidence**, with Clive Anderson
9.30 **The Sale of the Century: Damn Lies!** The first of two programmes in which Stephen Bayley explores creativity in advertising
9.45 **(FM) Serial: Master Musicians.** The soprano Emma Kirkby reads extracts from the writings of Abbess Hildegerd of Bingen (2/5)
9.45 **(LW) Daily Service**
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour**, with Martha Kearney
11.00 **News; The Greatest City on Earth** (2/2)
11.30 **The Barnes Originals.** Claire Dowie's comedy about the joys of friendship, sticky labels and breaking things. With Stephen Moore, Nicky Henson and Jean Boht
12.00 **(FM) News; You and Yours**, with Liz Barclay and John Waite 12.57 Weather
12.00 **(LW) News Headlines;** Shipping Forecast
1.00 **The World at One**
1.30 **Tricks of the Trade.** Hoteliers and publicans do battle. With chairman Nigel Cassidy
2.00 **News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **Afternoon Play: Miss Dynamite** (r)
3.00 **News; The Exchange.** Call 0171-580 4444
3.30 **Pillars of the Community: The Solicitor.** Throughout the week, Graeme Garden looks at the changing lives of professionals who traditionally uphold values and respectability in Britain (r)
3.45 **I Take Back My Country: The Suit**, by Can Themba, read by Hugh Quarshie. A wife is punished psychologically by her husband for her indiscretions with another man
4.00 **News; A Good Read.** Thomas Sutcliffe talks to Graeme Garden and Helen Lederer about their three favourite paperbacks
4.30 **Shop Talk**, with Heather Payton and guests
5.00 **PM 5.54 (LW)** Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News 6.30 The Mark Steel Revolution.** The fourth of six lectures on the theme of revolution, examining some of the historical forces at work
7.00 **News; The Archers 7.15 Front Row.** Francine Stock reviews Robert Altman's latest film, *The Gingerbread Man*, a legal thriller starring Kenneth Branagh and Robert Duvall
7.45 **Under One Roof: Summer Holiday** by Michele Hanson and Jenny Landreth, based on the original story by Michele Hanson (2/5) (r)
8.00 **News; File on 4.** Investigations into topical issues, presented by Gerry Northam
8.40 **In Touch.** Peter White presents news for visually impaired people
9.00 **News; The Healers: The GP.** The BBC social affairs editor, Niall Dickson, reports on the pressures facing the average family GP
9.30 **Unreliable Evidence**, with Clive Anderson (r)
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: A Patchwork Planet** by Anne Tyler, abridged by Pat McLoughlin, read by William Hope (2/10)
11.00 **Late Night on 4: The Two Dannys.** The last of four programmes starring Danny Fontaine and Danny De La Tour and their disturbing showbusiness associates. Written and performed by Peter Serafinowicz and Lewis MacLeod
11.30 **(LW) Today in Parliament.** A round-up of the day's events in Westminster
11.30 **(FM) Talking Pictures**, with Russell Davies (r)
12.00 **News 12.30am The Late Book: The Arcanum**, by Janet Gleeson. Read by Janet Suzman (2/5) (r)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service**
5.30 **World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast**
5.40 **Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day**
5.47 **Farming Today**, with Anna Hill

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Axa League
5.0, 40 overs
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Essex

Fifth women's *one-day international*
10.45, 50 overs
LORD'S: England v Australia

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP *(first day of four)*. Coggeshall: Essex v Surrey Blackpool: Lancashire v Yorkshire.

AON TROPHY (one day): Chester-le-Street: Durham v Derbyshire. Cheltenham: *Gloucestershire v Worcestershire.*

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.45 unless stated
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bray Wanderers v Swindon Town (7.30). Bromsgrove Rovers v West Bromwich Albion. Dagenham and Redbridge v West Ham United (7.30). Derry City v Greenock Morton (7.30); Dulwich Hamlet v Crawley Town (7.30); Exeter City v Panionios (7.30). Guiseley v *Rotherham* United (7.30); Kettering Town v Cambridge United; Kilkenny City v Charlton Athletic (7.30); Plymouth Argyle v Sunderland. Portadown v Queens Park Rangers (7.30); Sligo Rovers v Mansfield Town (7.30); Worcester City v Nottingham Forest (7.30); Kingstonian v Wycombe Wanderers; Clyde v Darlington (7.30). Stranraer v Queen of the South (7.30); Emley v Scarborough (7.0); Hayes v Bristol City; *Aldershot Town v Colchester United*; Atherstone United v Telford United; Huddersfield Town v Oldham Athletic (3.0). Brackley Town v Aylesbury United.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Union light welterweight championship: S Neary (Liverpool) v N Schaapers (SA) (at Kingsway Leisure Centre, Widnes).

SPEEDWAY: Dunlop Conference League riders' championship final (at *St Austell*, 7.30)

Answers from page 39

OCHLOPHOBIA
(b) A morbid aversion to crowds. "He prefered to work in greater privacy. It could even be that he was ochlophobic like Toller, the Austrian killer."

PADANG
(b) An open grassy space; a field, especially a playing-field; also, scrub vegetation. The Malay word. "The vegetation was the so-called padang, a kind of heath-like scrub or poor forest."

RATINE
(c) A clothing fabric of rough open texture. The past participle of the French *ratiner* to frieze. "We noticed a long cobweb floating over our heads. Long silvery strands moving through the motionless air from west to east. Each was like a white ratiné string, fine as silk except for knots at irregular intervals."

RUMAKI
(c) An appetiser of Oriental origin, consisting chiefly of chicken livers, water chestnuts and bacon, marinated and broiled. Perhaps an alteration of the Japanese *harumaki* a spring roll. "Delicious Cantonese-style appetisers include superb king crab egg rolls and the best rumaki we've ever tasted."

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More song and dance about Covent Garden

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

A troubled organisation, riven by internal arguments as it searches for something that will please the punters, mired in disputes about future policy, uncertain as to the identity of the person who will be its next boss, screaming from its several rooftops for more public money to secure a glorious future.

Sounds like a fantastic scenario for a television documentary about the BBC. Unfortunately, last night's **Trouble at the House** was by, not about, the Corporation. It was a follow up to *The House*, the successful BBC2 series in 1996 about the Royal Opera House, in which a succession of prima donnas screamed, wept and kicked the furniture. And that was just the management.

There are some who think that *The House* actually contributed to the calamity at Covent Garden. They are probably right: *The House* was a docusoap for the opera classes and as such it did about as much for the reputation of its subject as *Hotel* did for the Adelphi and *Cruise* did for swanning about in the Caribbean.

Trouble at the House was written and narrated by Keith Cooper, who featured in *The House* as Covent Garden's marketing manager: he was the one who thought a telephone only rang when it wanted to be picked up and thrown against a wall. So here was the chance for Cooper to take his revenge: sadly, he showed a disappointing level of restraint.

Cooper at least has a sense of humour about himself. He recalled the edition of *Kilroy* in which his argument for more money for opera was pitched against people who thought the cash ought to go to starving blind urchins or homeless paraplegic vicars. At one point a woman on *Kilroy* had issued the standard mantra of the lumpen proletariat: "How many kidney machines will that buy?" Cooper, recalling it last night, said: "I just thought, 'I'm sunk', he'll bring on an orphan next."

Various of the central characters in the Covent Garden saga, or *WestEnders*, paraded. There was Sir Jeremy Isaacs, former general director: "Of course I could see there were difficult times ahead but I didn't jump, I was pushed." Mary Allen, the chief executive who fired Cooper (and shortly thereafter left), offered us her sunny countenance throughout, as if recalling a small accounting discrepancy in the wardrobe department.

At the end, Cooper was allowed to get away with an absurd attack on the media. On one of the many days when the Covent Garden crisis made the front pages, Cooper noted that a rave review for a debut performance in the role of *Giselle* was tucked away on the arts pages. This was "a terrible reflection of the way in which the media reports the arts".

Baloney. Covent Garden makes front page news because, rightly or otherwise, it has an insatiable appetite for public money. No doubt the burial of the funding crisis on page 35 to make room for the latest *Giselle* on page one would suit the Keith Coopers of this world, but taxpayers would find that a laughable order of priorities.

Enough of frivolity, let us get to the crisis that really matters: the shortage of decent sitcoms at the BBC. This came up when Auntie launched her all-singing annual report last week. The BBC is desperate for a big comedy hit. If it repeats *Men Behaving Badly* and *One Foot in the Grave* much more the videotape will become transparent. At the same gathering, much joy was expressed about new, improved sitcoms coming soon. One of those mentioned was *Heartburn Hotel*.

Oh dear. **Heartburn Hotel** (BBC1) began last night. It has all the hallmarks of that most infuriating of failures, the near success. It almost works. John Sullivan, author of the peerless *Only Fools and Horses*, co-wrote this with Steve Glover. I never write off an series on the strength of one episode because this kind of work needs time to develop its characters.

Have a look at all the best comedy, including Sullivan's, and there is a story being told. Things are moving along, there are clever twists and turns. But nothing is moving in *Heartburn Hotel*. Of plot there is little sign. Indeed, the funniest aspect of it concerns how the hotel came into being.

The hotel is a bed and breakfast dump in Birmingham. The owner, Harry (Tim Healy), thought the 1992 Olympics were coming to Birmingham, so he bought the hotel and renamed it the Olympic: "The Olympics went to Barcelona, Birmingham got the Milk Race." The hotel has a Torville and Dean Lounge and an Eddie Edwards Suite. All very amusing, but where do we go from there? Perhaps etablishing episodes are prone to being static, but *Heartburn Hotel* needs to get moving soon.

Angus Deayton was once described to me by a BBC producer as "flavour of the month", but as that was two years ago, I can only think that the producer in question was being bitchy, an almost unheard of tendency in broadcasting. Last night Deayton began a new series, **The Temptation Game** (BBC1), which is about . . . well, temptation.

Deayton defined it as a cocktail: "One shot of hope, two shots of excitement and a cherry of disappointment." The most entertaining (ie, bizarre) temptation on offer was Rosalie Osias, a blonde New York lawyer who gets business by wearing clothes that are smaller than she is.

"I wanted to do something that men respond to," she said. "And men respond to sex." Osias has made a fortune through this approach: her clients include 15 banks. If I was the Royal Opera, I would be tempted to ring her up.

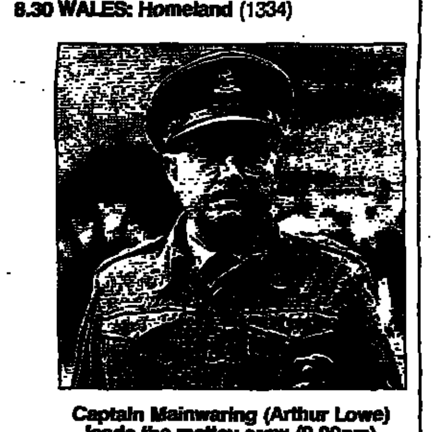
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (12082)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (83228)
9.00 All Over the Shop (3801334)
9.20 Kilroy (T) (3189112)
10.00 Meet the Challenge (2901873)
10.25 Style Challenge Classics (1412452)
10.55 Short Changes DIY tips (1385537)
11.00 News (T) and weather (5818150)
11.05 Pole to Pole As Michael Palin's journey comes to an end the odds are stacked against him finally reaching the Earth's southernmost point. (r) (T) (3548006)
11.55 News (T) (6966082)
12.00 Every Second Counts (r) (T) (93044)
12.30pm A Word in Your Ear (29957)
1.00 News (T) and weather (86315)
1.30 Regional News (T) (15702957)
1.40 Neighbours (T) (49139711)
2.05 Perry Mason (r) (T) (9853518)
3.35 Pingu (3113599) **3.40** Playdays (6296841) **4.00** Popeye (2513537) **4.10** The Littlest Pet Shop (2502421) **4.20** Mr Wymi (6367745) **4.35** Round the Twist (3959131) **5.00** Newsround (T) (3807570)
5.10 The Fame Game New series following the fortunes of four young musicians and actors (T) (6402711)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (118537)
6.00 News (T) and weather (173)
6.30 Regional News (315)
7.00 Holidays Out Ideas for breaks in Britain; jet-skiing; North Yorkshire; and the country's finest B&Bs (T) (5537)
7.30 EastEnders News of Gita's whereabouts prompt hasty travel arrangements for Ruth, Mark and Sanjay (T) (599)
8.00 CHOICE **Vets in Practice: New Beginnings** Eighteen months into their careers, the young vets face personal as well as professional dilemmas (T) (1957)
8.30 *Crime Beat: Train Robbers* Martyn Lewis reports on efforts by British Transport Police to derail the criminal operations of train thieves (T) (3792)
9.00 News (T) and weather (7976)
9.30 CHOICE **42 Up** (1/2) Children featured in the 1964 programme *Seven Up* continue to tell their stories, having now reached the age of 42. Tonight, we revisit Symon, who longed to be a film star; Nick who now has a professorship in nuclear fusion at a US university; and a London taxi driver, Tony, who wanted to become a jockey. Part two tomorrow (T) (6880315)
10.35 Seduced by Madness First of a two-part drama based on one of the most sensational trials in recent US legal history. Ann-Margret stars as a well-respected but insanely jealous high-school teacher who persuades a student to help to murder her adulterous husband. Concludes tomorrow (T) (8159228)
12.00 Web of Deceit (1993) Real-life husband and wife Corbin Bernsen and Amanda Pays play a couple torn apart by the sudden disappearance of their newborn son. Directed by Bill Corcoran (T) (12385) FILM
1.30am Weather (6324377)
1.35 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.10am Nathan the Wise (7775570) **6.35** The Museum of Modern Art (5200773)
7.00 Teletubbies (r) (1621860) **7.25** Dink, the Little Dinosaur (1640995) **7.50** 50/50 (r) (4377315) **8.15** Tom and Jerry Kids (2237150) **8.35** King Greenfingers (r) (9401131) **8.45** The Record (2915518) **9.10** Hawkeye (r) (3181570) **9.50** Cartoon (8102773)
10.00 Teletubbies (79537) **10.30** The Pink Panther (6998711)
10.50 The Million Dollar Duck (1971) Comedy with Dean Jones and Joe Flynn. Directed by Vincent McEveety (T) (3053082) FILM
12.20pm Noble Thoughts (4942421) **12.30** Working Lunch (27599) **1.00** The Beechgrove Garden (84957) **1.30** People's Century: 1930 — Sporting Fever (r) (T) (1144860) **2.25** Caron Cooper's Cooking with Confidence (52060247) **2.40** News (T) (8718889) **2.45** Westminster (T) (4881860) **3.25** News (T) (1354537)
3.30 Under the Piano (1995) Gritty drama wih Amanda Plummer and Teresa Stratas. Directed by Stefan Scaini (T) (87792) FILM
5.00 The Victorian Kitchen Garden (3315)
5.30 Antiques Treasure Trail (792)
6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (585686)
6.20 Heartbreak High (T) (445150)
7.10 The O Zone. Soap and Chemikal Underground (618808)
7.30 Home Ground Drug addicts discuss the dangers of the heroin substitute methadone (T) (841)
8.00 Meet the Ancestors (r) (T) (9599)
8.30 Ground Force The team set about revamping the drab garden of an expectant Bristol couple in just two days (T) (1334)
8.30 WALES: Homeland (1334)



Captain Mainwaring (Arthur Lowe) leads the motley crew (9.00pm)

9.00 Dad's Army (r) (T) Classic episode of the comedy from 1968, being shown to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first series' transmission (5518)
9.00 WALES: Ground Force (5518)
9.30 In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great Michael Wood continues his journey across the deserts and mountains of Iran (T) (29063)
10.30 Newsnight (648808)
11.15 Ruby in conversation with socialite Ivana Trump; Eurovision winner Dana International and TV presenter Julian Clary (332995)
11.55 Weather (942131)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (95803)
12.30am Learning Zone: The Film (66803) **1.00** Ceramics Under Stress (95464) **1.30** Spanning Materials (37984) **2.00** The Greats (16025) **4.00** The French Experience (56445) **5.00** Career Moves (4561445) **5.45** Mind Readers (62613)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1188599)
9.25 Extreme Dinosaurs (T) (8470082)
9.50 Judge Judy (r) (T) (4715599)
10.20 Regional News (T) (7674112)
10.30 A Woman Named Jackie Mini-series about the turbulent life of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis. Starring Roma Downey (1/3) (r) (95960711)
12.20pm Regional News (4946247)
12.30 News (T) and weather (47353)
1.00 Shortland Street (85781) **1.30** Home and Away (T) (46624) **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (T) (2606841) **2.45** Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (325889)
3.15 News (T) (1352179)
3.20 Regional News and weather (1342792)
3.25 Tots TV (r) (1332315) **3.35** Jamboree (7748421) **3.45** Rocky and the Dodos (7735957) **4.00** Dastardly and Muttley in Their Flying Machines (r) (8967529) **4.15** Extreme Ghostbusters (r) (T) (9006889) **4.40** Minty (T) (4756112)
5.10 WALES: House to House (5456605)
5.10 What's My Line? (5456605)
5.40 News (T) and weather (769501)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (494860)
6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (615082)
6.25 HTV Weather (481286)
6.30 The West Tonight (711)
7.00 Emmerdale Tara is in a state of shock (7155)
7.30 WALES: Grass Roots at the Royal Welsh (995)
7.30 Take 3 (995)
8.00 The Bill: Tainted Love (1/3) Polly Page meets a new boyfriend, who is unaware that she is a police officer (T) (9353)



John Gordon-Sinclair and Trevyn McDowell get close (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Loved By You** (1/6) A virtual reality experience with supermodel Caprice persuades Michael to invest in a computer system (T) (8860)
9.00 PD James's A Certain Justice (2/3) Dalgliesh and his team begin the grim task of finding Venetia Aldridge's murderer (T) (8957)
10.00 News (T) and weather (89841)
10.30 Regional News (T) (738570)
10.40 The Big Fight Live Liverpool's Shea Neary defends the WBU Light Welterweight title against the South African champion Naas Scheepers (T) (9260518)
12.00 Baywatch Nights (2453735)
12.55am Leahy in Concert (1193193)
1.25 Planet Rock Profiles (6734280)
2.00 Best of British Motorsport (94342)
2.30 Man from Tangier (1057, b/w) Crime drama directed by Lance Comfort (5542822) FILM
3.35 True Life Tales (r) (16208938) **4.05** ITV Sport Classics (r) (59342358) **4.30** ITV Nightscreen (71754) **5.30** News (90358)

CENTRAL

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1.00pm A Country Practice (85781)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5220792)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5456605)
6.25-7.00 Central News (615082)
7.30-8.00 24 Hours (995)
12.00am Renegade (2453735)
1.25 Planet Rock Profiles (6734280)
2.00 Best of British Motorsport (94342)
2.30 FILM: Man from Tangier (5542822)
4.00 Central Jobfinder '98 (2068241)
5.20 Asian Eye (8268613)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.15pm-12.30 Westcountry News (2659402)
1.00 Emmerdale (85781)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5220792)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5456605)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (22044)
7.30-8.00 Make Yourself at Home (995)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.25am Justice of the Land (7554353)
11.25 Blue Heelers (1643470)
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (5456605)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (131)
6.30-7.00 Heritage: Love it or Lose it! (711)
7.30-8.00 Quids In (995)
5.00am Freescreen (57716)

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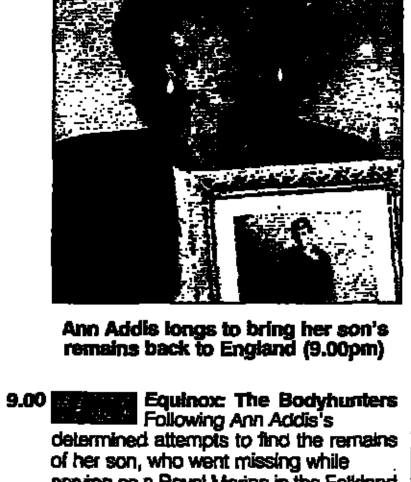
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10.25 Justice of the Land (7554353)
11.25 Blue Heelers (1643470)
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (4958082)
1.00-1.30 Dinosaurs (85781)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5456605)
6.23 Anglia Weather (777095)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (615082)
7.30-8.00 Craven's Collectables (995)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (921150)

S4C

Starts: **7.00am The Big Breakfast** (35286) **9.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (8408155) **9.05 Rocko's Modern Life** (8458860) **9.30 California Dreams** (41179) **10.00 Hang Time** (1213518) **10.40 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (9064131) **11.10 Planet Pop** (7511624) **11.45 Eerie, Indiana** (4398082) **12.30pm Ricki Lake** (45995) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (45952334) **1.15 Deri Deg** (45957889) **1.30 FILM: They Rode West** (35112) **3.00 Deals on Wheels** (6266) **3.30 Watercolour Challenge** (889) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners** (624) **4.30 Ricki Lake** (808) **5.00 5 Pump** (1711) **5.30 Countdown** (860)
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6.10 Heno (456266)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (321860)
7.25 Heddlu (526044)
8.00 Y Sioe Fawr (7995)
8.30 Newyddion (6402)
9.00 Why Men Don't Iron (6599)
10.00 Brookside (580150)
10.35 Equinox (488353)
11.35 Tour de France (521402)
12.05am Barking (8592613)
12.35 Cybill (1196280)
1.05 Spin City (6955377)
1.35 Diwedd (16202464)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (79632)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (35286)
9.00 The Bigger Breakfast 9.05 Rocko's Modern Life (r) (8458860) **9.30** California Dreams (r) (T) (41179) **10.00** Hang Time (r) (T) (1213518) **10.40** The Secret World of Alex Mack (r) (T) (9064131) **11.10** Planet Pop (7511624) **11.45** Eerie, Indiana (4398082)
12.30pm Mission: Impossible (53179)
1.30 Earthscape (15728995)
1.40 In the Good Old Summertime (1949) Musical with Judy Garland and Van Johnson set in turn-of-the century Chicago. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard (T) (84799773) FILM
3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (889)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners (T) (624)
4.30 Countdown (T) (3943570)
4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (5420773)
5.30 Pet Rescuers (T) (860)
6.00 Tour de France Pau to Luchon, 196km (773)
6.30 Home Improvement (T) (353)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (909228)
7.55 Gallery Week The Isle of Wight's Quay Arts Gallery (462841)
8.00 Absolutely Animals (5/8) Includes refloating a two-ton beached whale; rounding up feral cats living wild in a school (T) (7995)
8.30 Brookside Jimmy is determined to prevent Gary from seeing Kylie; Susannah and Max tie the knot for the second time (T) (6402)



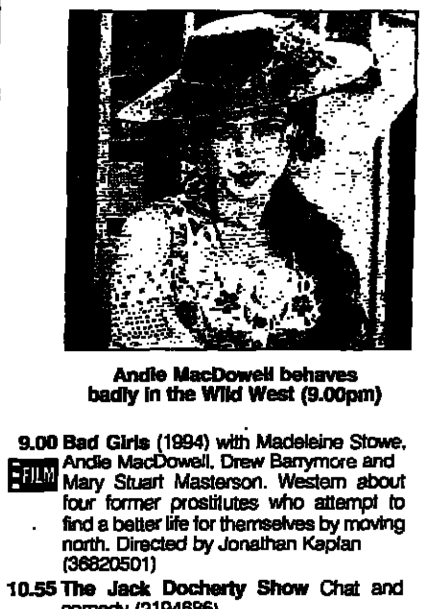
Ann Addis longs to bring her son's remains back to England (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Equinox: The Bodyhunters** Following Ann Addis's determined attempts to find the remains of her son, who went missing while serving as a Royal Marine in the Falkland Islands (T) (6599)
10.00 The Tommyknockers A two-part drama from Stephen King. A novelist trips over a strange metal object while walking in the woods, which sparks off a series of horrifying events. With Jimmy Smits and Marg Helgenberger (r) (T) (340537)
11.40 Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City (2/2) (r) (T) (301808)
1.40am The Real World: San Fancisco (r) (3492261)
2.10 A Straight Guide to Queer (r) (T) (3254613)
2.40 Dark Horses (r) (9133377)
3.10 Auto Erotic (r) (90594342)
3.40 Oil for the Lamps of China (1935, b/w) with Pat O'Brien, Josephine Hutchinson and Jean Muir. An American in China, working for an oil company, allows his attempts to increase profits to affect his personal life. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (286342) FILM
5.20-5.55 Tour de France (r) (5610006)

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7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (1507150) **7.30** Milkshake! (9899112) **7.35** Wind in the Willows (4944082) **8.00** Havakazoo (r) (3614044) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (3613315) **9.00** Starting from Scratch (3637995) **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (r) (6912605) **10.20** Sunset Beach (T) (4895179) **11.10** Leeza (6208773)
12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (3617131) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (3254686) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (1506421) **1.30** Sons and Daughters (3253957)
2.00 Cave of Outlaws (1951) with Macdonald Carey, Alexis Smith and Edgar Buchanan. Drama about a former convict, an unscrupulous miner and a corrupt lawman on the trail of stolen gold. Directed by William Castle (89380976) FILM
3.20 Mister Kingstreet's War (1972) with Tippi Hendren and John Saxon. Drama about a couple's efforts to run an African game reserve during the Second World War. Percival Rubens directs (49277315) FILM
5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Difficult Daughters (5011112)
6.00 100 Per Cent (1630112)
6.30 Family Affairs Duncan is distraught (T) (1654792)
7.00 5 News (T) (5210044)
7.30 Oasis Africa Documentary looking at the variety of wildlife of the Ovkavango swamp in Botswana (r) (T) (1650976)
8.00 Hidden Worlds A look beneath the desert sand (5229792)
8.30 What Went Wrong? A look at the causes of the First Interstate fire, the *Mir* collision and the Guadalajara blast (5215599)



Andie MacDowell behaves badly in the Wild West (9.00pm)

9.00 Bad Girls (1994) with Madeleine Stowe, Andie MacDowell, Drew Barrymore and Mary Stuart Masterson. Western about four former prostitutes who attempt to find a better life for themselves by moving north. Directed by Jonathan Kaplan (36820501) FILM
10.55 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (2194686)
11.35 La Femme Nikita (r) (1526247)
12.30am Live and Dangerous Australian rules football; motorsport and, at **3.45** Asian football (87758551)
3.45 Asian Football Show (7197071)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (1033006)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3642716)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

8.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters (47889) **8.30** Street Sharks (39860) **9.00** Garfield and Friends (20112) **9.30** The Simpsons (65773) **10.00** Games World (3312518) **10.15** Games World (3395841) **10.30** Just Kidding (59624) **11.00** The Superman (22131) **12.00** Married with Children (40976) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (5623547) **12.55** Special K Collection (96281711) **1.00** Geraldo (9488334) **1.55** Special K Collection (22298824) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (1642583) **2.55** Special K Collection (2886112) **3.00** Jenny Jones (3969112) **3.55** Special K Collection (9787063) **4.00** Oprah (62112) **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (9228) **6.00** The Nanny (2711) **6.30** Married with Children (3063) **7.00** The Simpsons (1547) **7.30** Real TV (9247) **8.00** Speed! (9805) **8.30** Coppers (8112) **9.00** The World's Most Dangerous (18889) **10.00** The Extraordinary (11976) **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager (43624) **12.00** Nash Bridges (93532) **1.00am** Long Play (5847483)

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SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am Citizens' Band (1977) (92840537) **7.40 Cannonball Fever** (1989) (45488112) **9.20 The Stupids** (1996) (14300082) **11.00 Last of the Dogmen** (1995) (27334) **1.00pm Cannonball Fever** (1989) (94860) **3.00 Ernest Hemingway's Adventures of a Young Man** (1962) (95105792) **5.25 The Stupids** (1996) (84756082) **7.00 Last of the Dogmen** (1995) (49808) **9.00 Sunset Park** (1996) (18158044) **10.45 The Truth About Cats and Dogs** (1995) (32755860) **12.25am No Way Back** (1996) (127193) **2.00 Maternal Instincts** (1996) (362551) **3.35 Unlikely Suspects** (1996) (88973551)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.15am Jesus Christ Superstar (1973) (92827686) **8.00 Forbidden Territory: Stanley's Search for Livingstone** (1997) (53650) **10.00 My Cousin Rachel** (1952) (78247) **12.00 Evita** (1996) (67117537) **2.15pm Jesus Christ Superstar** (1973) (940614) **4.00 My Cousin Rachel** (1952) (5402) **6.00 Forbidden Territory: Stanley's Search for Livingstone** (1997) (61860) **8.00 Evita** (1996) (79751518) **10.45 Barb Wire** (1996) (32753402) **12.25am Bad Company** (1994) (774025) **2.15 Living in Oblivion** (1995) (320551) **3.45 Hotel Sorrento** (1995) (58746280)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Caught in the Draft (1941) (2682266) **6.00 Mannequin** (1987) (2340228) **8.00 Ferris Bueller's Day Off** (1986) (2345773) **10.00 Do The Right Thing** (1989) (82318570) **12.05am The First Deadly Sin** (1980) (6574700) **2.00 The Osterman Weekend** (1983) (5346342) **3.45 Let's Dance** (1950) (4093280) **5.35** Close

TNT

9.00pm Singin' in the Rain (1952) (27528044) **11.00 The Rose and the Jackal** (1990) (61198976) **12.45am Mr Skeffington** (1944) (27448193) **3.00 Singin' in the Rain** (1952) (82345822)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (5593082) **7.15** High 5 (1265707) **7.45** Survival of the Fittest (125841) **8.15** Sports Centre (4537112) **8.30** Racing News (71957) **9.00** Aerobics (95537) **9.30** Women's World Eight-Ball Championships (81266) **11.30** Soccer Sevens (17266) **12.30pm** The Boys of '93 (71006) **1.00** Cricket: Sussex v Middlesex (97024) **2.30** Survival of the Fittest (1624) **3.00** Bowls. Australia v Northern Ireland (32841) **5.00** Cricket: Warwickshire v Essex — Live (2317624) **10.00** Sports Centre (955082) **10.15** The Great Survivors (773537) **10.45** Soccer Sevens (341247) **11.45** Sports Centre (968044) **12.00** Cricket (98667) **1.30am** Motorsport (34803) **3.30** The Great Survivors (19174) **4.00** Sports Centre (27976071) **4.15** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (7047808) **7.30** Sports Centre (5398044) **7.45** Racing News (5278537) **8.15** The Boys of '93 (2580889) **8.45** Sports Centre (2551570) **9.00** Soccer Sevens (5638421) **10.00** Bowls Australia v N. Ireland (9791082) **12.00** V-Max (7309773) **12.30pm** World Motor Sport (5943860) **3.30** US Golf: 1997 Seniors Open (9528112) **4.30** Equestrianism (8529711) **5.30** Sports Unlimited (1945179) **6.30** Women's Golf: Big Apple (2465689) **8.30** Eight-Ball (7204112) **10.30** Motor Sport (3631889) **12.30am** Equestrianism (6586006) **1.30** Great Survivors (7452483)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Wrestling (48067112) **1.00pm** Fish TV (48076860) **2.00** Sports Classics (86150334) **3.00** Second Innings (40721421) **3.30** Fastrax (91304082) **4.00** Ten-Pin Bowling (38903711) **5.00** Wrestling (40712773) **6.00** Sports Centre (91300266) **6.30** The Great Survivors (91391518) **7.00** Soccer Sevens (27541995) **8.00** Major League Baseball (27521131) **10.00** Boxing Superbouts (27540266) **11.00** Second Innings (38971112) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Motocross (88711) **8.00** Tour de France (27112) **10.00** Live Tour de France (78583605) **4.00pm** Cycling (2565624) **4.30** Motorcycling **5.30** Four Wheel Drive **6.00** Football **8.00** Boxing (49773) **9.00** Tour de France (42860) **11.00** Motorcycling (97353) **12.30am** Close

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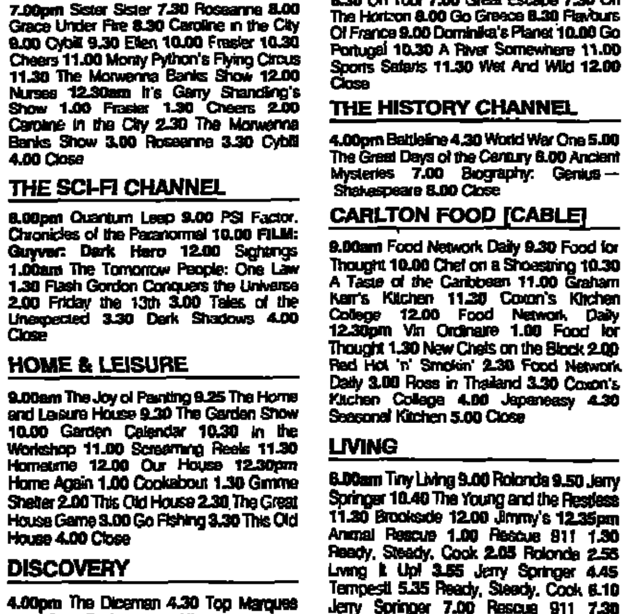
7.00am Crossroads (2673599) **7.30** Neighbours (2995957) **7.55** EastEnders (3597957) **8.30** The Bill (2775044) **9.00** The Bill (2799624) **9.30** Stay Lucky (3356518) **10.30** The Sullivans (2795808) **11.00** Dallas (8257353) **11.55** Neighbours (88066808) **12.25pm** EastEnders (3734006) **1.00** All Creatures Gre Small (7859773) **2.00** Dallas (8889895) **2.55** The Bill (5607841) **3.25** The Bill (9812889) **3.55** Dangerfield (5872131) **4.55** EastEnders (9724537) **5.30** Home to Roost (9328315) **6.00** All Creatures Great & Small (7679537) **7.00** 2point4 Children (2118773) **7.40** Waiting for God (9186112) **8.20** Dad's Army (8598421) **9.00** Hotel (4342063) **9.40** This Life (8423315) **10.25** Shooting Stars (8905266) **11.05** The Bill (6308605) **11.35** The Bill (1898605) **12.10am** Alive & Kicking (2136367) **1.55** Equalizer (5832922) **2.45** Shopping

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (9854353) **7.00** On the Buses (8674711) **7.30** Nearest & Dearest (8880518) **8.00** The Fenn Street Gang (2937605) **8.30** Mind Your Language (2936976) **9.00** Coronation St (2927228) **9.30** Emmerdale (1453709) **10.00** Jason King (8859402) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (8679266) **12.00** Coronation St (2930792) **12.30pm** Emmerdale (7853745) **1.00** Up the Garden Path (8873082) **1.30** The Army Game (8203266) **2.00** Within These Walls (8514421) **3.00** Jason King (2590247) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (2602082) **5.00** Hart to Hart (7994957) **6.00** Emmerdale (5255624) **6.30** Coronation St (5246976) **7.00** Surgical Spirit (7995686) **7.30** The Fenn Street Gang (5235860) **8.00** Dempsey & Makepeace (9767976) **9.00** Coronation Street (2508266) **9.30** Hale & Pace (1253601) **10.00** The Comedians (2931421) **10.30** Wheeltappers & Shunters Social Club (2917841) **11.00** Man & Motors (2112518)

CARLTON SELECT [CABLE]

5.00pm Blockbusters (40708570) **5.30** Gridlock (91385857) **6.00** Byker Grove (91375570) **6.30** Pull the Other One (91389150) **7.00** Rising Damp (40728334) **7.30** Desmond's (91395334) **8.00** Our House (40737082) **8.30** Rude Health (40723889) **9.00** Bread and Roses (27545711) **10.00** Perfect Scoundrels (27515570) **11.00** Boon (65394421) **12.00** Let the Blood Run Free (27027445) **12.30am** The Comedy Company (49747716) **1.00** Close



In at the deep end: sports teacher Rhea Perlman is appointed coach to a male basketball team in *Sunset Park* (Screen 1, 9pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Bonkers **6.25** Quack Pack **6.50** Tale Spin **7.15** Aladdin: The Series **7.40** Goof Troop **8.00** Timon & Pumbaa **8.30** 101 Dalmatians **9.00** Double Art Attack **9.35** Mighty Ducks **10.00** Smart Guy **10.30** Teen Angel **11.00** Boy Meets World **11.30** The Wonder Years **12.00** Brotherly Love **12.30pm** Dinosaurs **1.00** Jungle Cubs **1.30** Amazing Animals **2.00** Winnie the Pooh **2.15** Bear in the Big Blue House **2.45** Winnie the Pooh **3.00** Timon and Pumbaa **3.30** Aladdin. The Series **4.00** 101 Dalmatians **4.30** Recess **4.45** Pepper Ann **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Brotherly Love **6.00** Teen Angel **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00** FILM: Ernest Goes to School **8.30** The Wonder Years **9.00** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show **9.45** Tex Avery **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Turbo **7.00** Donkey Kong Country **8.00** Beetleborgs Metallix **9.00** Eerie, Indiana **10.00** Goosebumps **11.00** Life with Louie **11.50** Eekl Stravaganza **12.00** Ace Ventura **12.50pm** Sam and Max **1.00** Casper **1.50** Toonsylvania **2.00** C-Bear and Jamal **2.50** The Mouse and the Monster **3.00** Donkey Kong Country **4.00** Casper **5.00** Goosebumps **5.30** Eerie, Indiana **6.00** Goosebumps **6.30** Breaker High **7.00** Close

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TROUBLE

7.00am Earthworm Jim **7.30** USA High **8.00** Saved By the Bell: The College Years **8.30** California Dreams **9.00** Hang Time **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Echo Point **11.00** Ready or Not **11.30** Earthworm Jim **12.00** Sweat **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** It's in the Jeans **2.45** On the Make **3.00** Sweat **3.30** Ready or Not **4.00** Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **4.30** Saved By the Bell. The College Years **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** California Dreams **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Bangs **6.45** What a Life **7.00** USA High **7.30** Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.30** Catchphrase **7.15** Fifteen-to-One **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.15** Strike it Lucky **10.00** 3-2-1 **11.15** Through the Keyhole **12.00** Sale of the Century **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** The Big Valley **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga **4.00** Blade Warriors **5.00** Screenshop **6.00** Close

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team **9.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol **9.30** Cops **10.00** Italian Stripping Housewives **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries **11.00 FILM: Assault on Precinct 13** **1.00am** Beverley Hills Bordello **1.30** Italian Stripping Housewives **2.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol **2.30** Cops **3.00 FILM: Evil Dead II** **5.00** The A-Team

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Sister Sister **7.30** Roseanne **8.00** Grace Under Fire **8.30** Caroline in the City **9.00** Cybill **9.30** Ellen **10.00** Frasier **10.30** Cheers **11.00** Monty Python's Flying Circus **11.30** The Morwenna Banks Show **12.00** Nurses **12.30am** It's Garry Shandling's Show **1.00** Frasier **1.30** Cheers **2.00** Caroline in the City **2.30** The Morwenna Banks Show **3.00** Roseanne **3.30** Cybill **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

6.00pm Quantum Leap **9.00** PSI Factor. Chronicles of the Paranormal **10.00 FILM: Guyver: Dark Hero** **12.00** Sightings **1.00am** The Tomorrow People: One Law **1.30** Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe **2.00** Friday the 13th **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected **3.30** Dark Shadows **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting **9.25** The Home and Leisure House **9.30** The Garden Show **10.00** Garden Calendar **10.30** In the Workshop **11.00** Screaming Reels **11.30** Hometime **12.00** Our House **12.30pm** Home Again **1.00** Cookabout **1.30** Gimme Shelter **2.00** This Old House **2.30** The Great House Game **3.00** Go Fishing **3.30** This Old House **4.00** Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Diceman **4.30** Top Marques **5.00** First Flights **5.30** History's Turning Points **6.00** Wildlife SOS **6.30** Deadly Game **7.30** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe **8.00** Discover Magazine **9.00** Hitler's Henchmen **10.00** Prison Life **11.00** Lotus Elise: Project M1-11 **12.00** First Flights **12.30am** Top Marques **1.00** Prison Life **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Give Sharks a Chance **7.30** Mountains of the Maya **8.00** Manatees and Dugongs **9.00** Tribal Warriors **10.00** Can Science Build a Champion Athlete? **11.00** A Lizard's Summer **11.30** Silence of the Sea Lions **12.00** Icebird **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL [CABLE]

12.00 Great Escape **12.30pm** On The Horizon **1.00** Wild Ireland **1.30** Origins With Burt Wolf **2.00** On Tour **2.30** Go Portugal **3.00** Reel World **3.30** Wet And Wild **4.00** An Aerial Tour Of Britain **5.00** Wild Ireland **5.30** Sports Safaris **6.00** Origins With Burt Wolf **6.30** On Tour **7.00** Great Escape **7.30** On The Horizon **8.00** Go Greece **8.30** Flavours Of France **9.00** Dominika's Planet **10.00** Go Portugal **10.30** A River Somewhere **11.00** Sports Safaris **11.30** Wet And Wild **12.00** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Battleline **4.30** World War One **5.00** The Great Days of the Century **6.00** Ancient Mysteries **7.00** Biography: Genius — Shakespeare **8.00** Close

CARLTON FOOD [CABLE]

9.00am Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** Chef on a Shoestring **10.30** A Taste of the Caribbean **11.00** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **11.30** Coxon's Kitchen College **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** Vin Ordinaire **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** New Chefs on the Block **2.00** Red Hot 'n' Smokin' **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** Ross in Thailand **3.30** Coxon's Kitchen College **4.00** Japaneasy **4.30** Seasonal Kitchen **5.00** Close

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living **9.00** Rolonda **9.50** Jerry Springer **10.40** The Young and the Restless **11.30** Brookside **12.00** Jimmy's **12.35pm** Animal Rescue **1.00** Rescue 911 **1.30** Ready, Steady, Cook **2.05** Rolonda **2.55** Living It Up! **3.55** Jerry Springer **4.45** Tempest **5.35** Ready, Steady, Cook **6.10** Jerry Springer **7.00** Rescue 911 **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **8.00** Side Effects **9.00 FILM: The Woman Who Sinned** **11.00** Sex Life Down Under

ZEE TV

6.30am Nancy **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** ZEE World **8.00** News **8.30** Bunlyaad **9.00** Endrum Cinema **9.30** Health Show **10.00** Parvarish **11.00** Golden Khana Khazana **11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00** FILM **3.00pm** Andaz **3.30** Sailaab **4.00** Campus **4.30** Top 10 **5.30** Quiz Contest **6.00** Love Stories **6.30** Pop Busters **7.00** Hum Aapke Hain Woh **7.30** Chalo Cinema **8.00** News **8.30** Daraar **9.00** A List **9.30** Ghoomta Aaina **10.00** Tara **11.00** Sa Re Ga Ma

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TUESDAY JULY 21 1998

Open hero closes amateur chapter

Pros outweigh the cons for climbing Rose

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JUSTIN ROSE, who will be 18 on Thursday of next week, duly turned professional yesterday after his stunning *fourth place in the Open* Championship and will travel to Holland this week to compete in the Dutch Open. His performance at Royal Birkdale was the best by an amateur for nearly 50 years and the best by a 17-year-old since Young Tom Morris won the title at that tender age in 1868.

Yesterday was a heady day not only for Justin but for Ken and Annie, his father and mother, and Margaret, his sister, as well. They were up at 5am, flew from Manchester on the 8.10am flight to Heathrow and were met at the airport by a posse of photographers and television crews. When they reached their home in Hook, Hampshire, at midday there were more photographers and more television crews waiting.

Looking as relaxed in the glare of the media spotlight as he had on the treacherous fairways of Birkdale, Rose was keen to look forward as well as back. "Next week will be a bigger week for *me*," he said. "I think I would have *turned professional anyhow*, because I have been tempted for a while, and this week was going to help me make my decision. The way it went, I would be silly not to turn pro. I have just got to try and forget the hype now.

"I'm going to get a haircut and get some sleep," he said. He did not feel he had missed out on a normal life by spending hours practising. "I missed the occasional party but I don't regret it. I feel I have gained more than I have missed out on. I just hope my friends will not take all this too seriously because I'm not."

As refreshing as that sounds, there is some serious business to be done. Ken Rose will continue to look after his son's golf while the business side will be taken care of by Carnegie Sports Management, a Glasgow-based company that also looks after Sam Torrance.

In the aftermath of Rose's success it was inevitable that comparisons would be made between him and Tiger Woods. "The reaction to Justin by the crowds was almost one of relief," Sir Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, said. "They seemed to be saying: 'Here is someone to match Tiger Woods, at last.' "

Heady words for a teenager who only just won the McEvoy Trophy for juniors in April, and for all the similarities between Rose and Woods there is one slight difference. Woods turned professional to a worldwide fanfare and the not insignificant matter of contracts worth $43 million (about £27 million). Nike contracted to pay him $8 million over five years, Titleist, the golf equipment manufacturer, $3 million over the same period of time. Rose is hardly less garlanded, but early reports suggest that Carnegie have in the pipeline for him a deal with Titleist worth $500,000 — barely one hundredth of Woods's figure.

"Cobra, Titleist and Reebok have helped him with kit within the amateur regulations and they are the first people we look to," Ken Rose said. "But Justin is a moving target now. Anyway, I don't know anything about contracts. I can honestly say that I have not had one single cent proposed to us yet. I am sure Carnegie are on the case."

Woods was 20 when he joined the ranks of paid golfers. He had just won his third US Amateur championship in succession, had competed in two Opens and been a member of the US Walker Cup team that was defeated by Great Britain and Ireland in 1995. Rose has played in one Walker Cup, won the St Andrews Links Trophy and represented England at senior level.

There were many voices urging him to delay becoming a professional on the grounds that he was too young and that many amateur titles were still available to him, but Bonallack, once a distinguished amateur himself, said: "Why wait? He has been playing top-class golf for almost two years. I do not know how much more he could learn as an amateur."

For Rose, the world is his oyster. What he has to do is make sure that it does not turn upside down. He has set himself a target of winning at least £50,000 from the seven tournaments in which he will compete this year and thus guarantee his presence on the European Tour in 1999. He may enter the Scandinavian Masters in Stockholm next week and the European Open, near Dublin, in the middle of next month.

His success last week is no guarantee that what seemed so easy in Lancashire can be repeated in such places. Clear in the memory is the performance of Gordon Sherry, who was such a hero as an amateur in the 1995 Open, turned professional in 1996 and is now struggling on the Challenge Tour. Warren Bennett is another gifted amateur who has failed to make an impression as a professional.

These are just some of the challenges Rose will face in the coming months, but as he does so he should be buoyed by the enormous support he generated last week. If that enthusiasm counts for anything, then Rose is already an Open champion.



Rose: relaxed



LAURENT REBOURS

Van Bon, the stage winner, follows Hinault's advice to the letter by refreshing himself with mineral water during the ninth stage yesterday

Tour braced for more drugs problems

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN PAU

THE riders in the Tour de France arrived at the foot of the Pyrenees yesterday for the first mountain stages of the race this year with the mounting wave of doping revelations threatening to engulf the event.

As many French newspapers continued to publish the damning opinions of sports doctors and even of Jacques Chirac, the French President, the admission of drug abuse by Alain Vandenbossche, a former Belgian national champion, added to the tainted atmosphere of the race.

"I took EPO [a human growth hormone] when I was with the TVM team," Vandenbossche said, "just like other riders in the team and just like other riders in other teams. Most of the riders were experimenting with it.

"We were never obliged to," Vandenbossche, who rode for TVM, the Dutch team, between 1990 and 1994, said, "but, if you wanted to compete against the others, you had little choice."

TVM, whose Dutch sprinter Jeroen Blijlevens won the fourth stage of the Tour this year, was linked to EPO abuse in March this year when the contents of one of their team cars, said to include ampoules of EPO, were impounded by French police in Reims.

Last night, Hein Verbruggen, president of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), world cycling's governing body, said that the TVM team may also risk expulsion from the Tour de France.

"This is not a decision for the UCI, but for the Société du Tour de France," Verbruggen said. He also revealed that the UCI have sent a letter to the Dutch cycling federation requesting an urgent investigation into the TVM case.

"It's shocking to me that with the Festina team, we've discovered a team that has carried out this abuse on such a large scale. That's what shocks me most of all," he said.

Even as the Tour organisation fought to limit the damage done to its reputation by the Festina affair, with their head of public relations, Bernard Hinault, the former champion, asserting that "it is possible to win the Tour on mineral water", the spectre of doping hung over the yellow jersey itself.

Laurent Desbiens, who took over the race lead in the stage to Montauban on Sunday, tested positive for steroid abuse in 1996, as did the stage winner, Jacky Durand, of France, and the Casino team. Philippe Gaumont, the Cofidis rider and Desbiens' teammate, who was also one of the seven breakaways on Sunday, also tested positive in the same year.

While Desbiens defended his lead in the hot stage from Montauban to Pau yesterday, Jean-Marie Leblanc, the race director, fought to counter the remarks of Bernard Kouchner, the French secretary of state for health.

"We are all accomplices in this huge hypocrisy," Kouchner said in the *Journal du Dimanche*. "Everybody knows that doping reigns on the Tour de France."

But, with the Tour's top teams facing the prospect of further investigation, many of those in the race convoy are anticipating that the Pyrenean stage today, from Pau to Luchon, will be the "cleanest" mountain stage of the modern era.

If, after the Festina affair, circumstances have imposed what amounts to a level playing field on the professional peloton, then the mountain stages to come may be among the most savage seen in the Tour for many years.

Yesterday, Jan Ullrich, the race favourite, was happy to let another breakaway group disappear into the heat haze, as, far ahead of the field, the Pyrenean peaks rose menacingly out of the French Midi.

When the group of seven moved clear midway through yesterday afternoon, Ullrich and his Telekom team opted to maintain a safe, if not breakneck tempo at the front of the race.

Ahead of them, Jens Voigt, of the GAN team, and Leon Van Bon, of the Rabobank team, were the most likely stage winners in the breakaway. As the group rode into Pau, Voigt led into the finishing straight but he could not prevent Van Bon, the bronze medal-winner in the 1997 world championships, from taking the first Tour stage win of his career.

Two riders withdrew as a result of the sweltering temperatures yesterday: Mario Cipollini, of Italy, who was a double stage-winner earlier in the Tour, and Tyler Hamilton, of the United States.

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O'Meara grateful for Holmes help

Phil Yates on the unsung hero of an historic Open triumph

Mark O'Meara and Martin Holmes had never crossed paths until last Saturday afternoon. When they did, their conversation was brief, but ultimately of crucial significance to the outcome of the Open Championship.

Holmes, from Stoke-on-Trent, was a member of the gallery on the right of the treacherous 6th hole at Royal Birkdale, quietly enjoying the third-round play when O'Meara sliced his second shot into tall grass, perilously close to a bush. At this stage, the Masters champion was three over par and, unable to find his ball, he disconsolately walked some 70 yards or so back down the fairway to play another. Then his original was found.

An ironic cheer went up, but O'Meara continued to trudge away. Holmes, believing the ball to be out of play, picked it up and, thankfully for O'Meara, remained virtually rooted to the spot.

By this time, Jerry Higginbotham, O'Meara's alert caddie, realised that his employer had not used up the five minutes allowed to search for a ball and consequently shouted to O'Meara not to hit another ball. "The USGA [United States Golf Association] was on the phone, the R and A was on the phone. It was like Watergate out there," O'Meara said.

Eventually, it was ruled that, as the ball had been discovered within the allotted five minutes, it was in play. A relieved O'Meara returned to the scene and, with the assistance of Holmes, dropped the ball as near as possible to the spot where it was unearthed. O'Meara was additionally fortunate in that, during the 15-minute spell it took for the ruling to be implemented, the grass had been trampled, making for an appreciably better lie.

O'Meara was presented with a relatively simple pitch onto the green and, two putts later, he walked to the 7th tee glad to have escaped with nothing worse than a bogey five. Hitting his fourth shot from more than 230 yards away, would almost certainly have resulted in at least a six, possibly a seven.

Thus, the twin vigilance of Holmes, first in finding the ball, then remaining in the vicinity, undoubtedly helped O'Meara to hold aloft the Auld Claret Jug.

Of course, Severiano Ballesteros is remembered as the quintessential crowd-mingling Open champion. At Royal Lytham and St Anne's in 1979, when the swashbuckling Spaniard won the first of his three Open titles, he played an approach shot to the 16th green from a spectator car park.

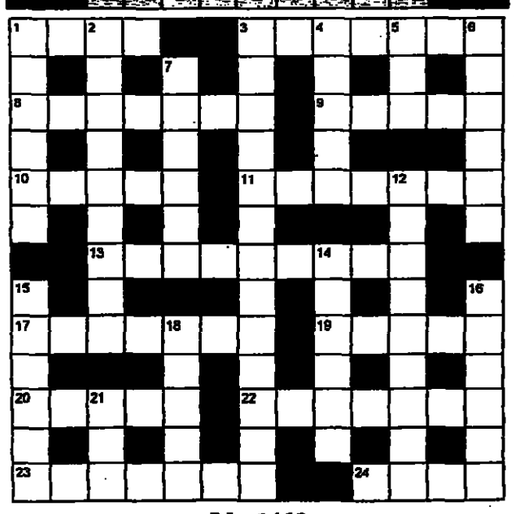
The paying public have not always been helpful, though. During the second round of the 1949 Open at Royal St George's, Harry Bradshaw pushed his drive into the rough on the par-four 5th and it came to rest in the bottom half of a broken bottle. The Irishman played the ball as it lay and it scuttled forward 25 yards. He made a double bogey and was eventually soundly beaten by Bobby Locke, of South Africa, in a 36-hole play-off.

In years to come, O'Meara will no doubt gain immense satisfaction from recalling his stirring win on the Lancashire coast. It is also fair to assume that Holmes will delight in relating the tale of his own involvement in that piece of golfing folklore.



O'Meara enjoyed some good fortune on his way to victory

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 1463

ACROSS
1 Twilight (4)
3 Little tree (7)
8 Annunciation angel (7)
9 Leg joint (5)
10 Gush: sudden effort (5)
11 Section of treaty: essay in paper (7)
13 S Am. plated mammal (9)
17 Cause to function (7)
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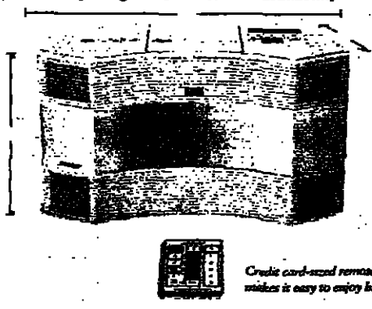
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1 Assimilate (food); (book) summary (6)
2 Defeat, force to submit (9)
3 Mixed light/dark (eg hair) (4-3-6)
4 Industrial machinery (5)
5 Annoy (3)
6 Hansel's sister (6)
7 Sufferer; a dupe (6)
12 Type of jewellery: *Colin's one (anag.)* (9)
14 Delightful (6)
15 Brags (6)
16 Poor attic room (6)
18 (German) acute guilt, remorse (5)
21 A grain; in which *a body meet a body (Burns)* (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1462
ACROSS: 1 Precarious 9 Swollen 10 Gleam 11 Mock 12 Besotted 14 Abroad 15 Mascot 18 Optimist 20 Zinc 22 Hop in 23 Traipse 24 Repeatedly
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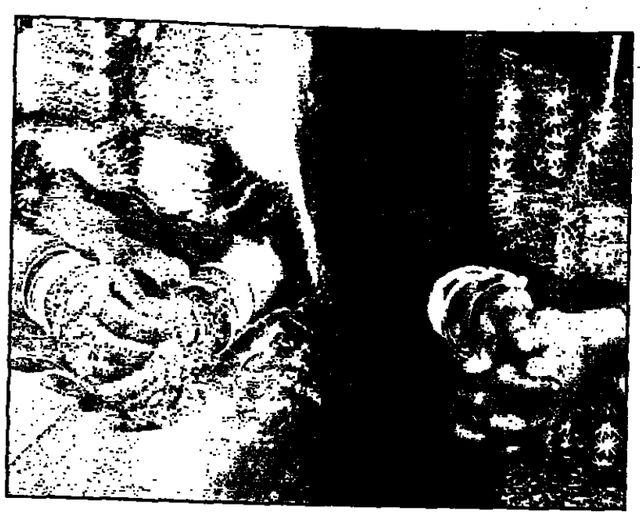
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Yasmin is one of a growing number of British Asian women coerced into wedlock with strangers. Here she describes the bullying, emotional blackmail and imprisonment by members of her own family that took her from an independent teenage life in Luton to enforced marriage in Pakistan

The arrangement

BY STEVE BOGGAN & PETER POPHAM

She was in her wedding dress, crying, standing alongside a stranger, a man to whom she had never spoken. Inevitably, as the ceremony came to a close, she began thinking of what would come next: the consummation. Yasmin Ahmed was only 19 when she was forced to marry a total stranger in Pakistan – a country she felt she hardly knew. She had been confined to a house for more than a month before the ceremony and she desperately wanted to go home. But there was no way out.

"I just stood there in tears," she said. "We hadn't even met and yet I was supposed to be his wife. I always thought it would be the happiest day of my life, but I had never felt so alone."

Yasmin – not her real name – is one of a growing number of British-Asian muslims being forced to marry against their will. As second- and third-generation Asians who have grown up in Britain, they are increasingly finding themselves at the centre of a clash between loyalty to family and the desire for choice.

But this clash is not simply one of intellectual and theological differences. According to women's groups and police, it has become a frontline where runaway brides are kidnapped by "bounty hunters" hired by their families, where police use supergrass resettlement tactics to help young women start new lives, and where government officials collude with brides to keep their husbands out of Britain.

It began for Yasmin two years ago when, as a wilful teenager growing up in Luton, she rebelled against the traditional family life and left home. Like most runaways, she returned within two weeks, but by then her parents had decided that she was out of control.

"They had arranged a marriage to someone in Pakistan, near Mirpur, but I said no," she said. "Before I left home, I might have had some say in who they arranged, but when I returned it had already been settled. They showed me a picture of him, I said I didn't want to marry him. But it was too late."

Relentless pressure and emotional blackmail were applied to Yasmin by her parents and relatives. "They tell you you have been bad, and you are letting the family down and you will bring shame upon everyone if you break the arrangement. Eventually, you just buckle under the pressure."

It is a classic story, according to Asian women's groups, civil rights campaigners and community workers, who are witnessing a growing number of young Asians in turmoil. In some cases, pressure is enough to persuade daughters to go through with the marriage; in others, they are tricked into taking a "holiday" or visiting a sick relative; in a few, they are physically "helped" – perhaps drugged – on to aeroplanes.

Before Yasmin and her unwanted husband, Ajaz, could live together in England, they had to apply for a visa for him at the British High Commission in Islamabad. "I didn't want him to come, but I couldn't believe how easy it was for him," she said. "If any of the immigration officials had asked me, just once, whether the marriage was genuine and not forced I would have said: 'No. You shouldn't let him in.' But they didn't."

Yasmin returned to England, ostensibly to prepare for her husband's arrival, but she told her family she would seek a divorce as soon as possible. "I couldn't write to the High Commission – my family would have found out – but I got one of my relatives to write to them to stop Ajaz coming into the country. Then, six weeks ago, I heard they had let him in. I couldn't believe it."

In this respect at least, Yasmin's case is not typical. Officials contacted by *The Independent* in Islamabad said that they do try to interview women separately from their husbands and ask them whether they are happy with the marriage, and whether it was "real" or enforced.

"Once we get them alone, they are free to speak their minds, but even then, some are afraid to," said one official, who asked not to be named. "If they say they don't want their husband to go with them, we try to help them find grounds for refusal.

"But it is often difficult for them simply to say the marriage is not real, because the applicant is entitled to see those grounds. If the reason for refusal is a woman's opposition, then she could face being ostracised back in England for dishonouring her family. Sometimes it's heartbreaking. You want to help, but you can't."

In Islamabad and other Pakistani cities, the freedom of women to marry whom they choose has become a topic of anguished national debate. British women absorb values alien to the Pakistani community's traditions through schooling, media, work and friendships. But in Pakistan, too, the arrival of satellite television and the prominence given to legal battles between parents and daughters over marriage have emboldened more and more women to assert their right to choose their partner.

"The situation here is no different from that facing Pakistani girls in the UK and other Western countries," says Amna Jenangir, a lawyer in the forefront of the struggle of Pakistani women for their rights. "The whole country seems to have nothing better to do than stop love marriages."

Traditionally, the fate of girls who married in defiance of their parents' wishes was grim – if they were caught. They were guilty of defiling the family's honour, a crime for which no penalty was considered too extreme. Even today there are cases, in remote villages, of the offending couple being strapped to a tree and stoned to death. When women speak of fearing death at their family's hands, the fear may often be well grounded. In one case, a woman who had been returned to her family on the order of the Supreme Court after eloping was shot dead on the court steps by one of her relatives.

Emboldened by education and information, more and more young women are now standing up for the right to determine their own destiny. And the courts are tying themselves in knots trying to adjudicate on the question. They were recently called upon to decide the key question: whether a woman of the age of majority (18 plus) has the right to choose her own husband. The judges decided two to one that an adult woman does have that right. But the lengthy judgement of one of the affirming judges, Justice Khalil-ur-Rehman Ramday, was so hedged about with ifs and buts that the message was seriously diluted.

Justice Ramday cited numerous holy Islamic texts pointing to the fact that any contact at all between men and women prior to marriage is morally wrong, that the whole concept of courtship is therefore equally sinful, and that, while a love marriage may not be illegal, all the steps leading up to it are forbidden. "Premarital and extramarital liaisons between men and women stand prohibited and banished in an Islamic set-up," he offered. "Any courtship or romantic affairs between a man and woman other than between ones married to each other are not permitted in Islam... making secret love-affairs and taking paramours is condemned and prohibited by Allah... Allah and His Prophet abhorred unchecked intermingling of the two sexes."

Grafting individualist values on to a conservative society will continue to be deeply contentious. When *The Independent* visited Asma Jehangir's office in Lahore last week there were half a dozen women waiting, all attempting to break out of oppressive marriages, or to avoid being married off against their will. But those who succeed in besting their families can find themselves adrift in a society where the individual, unsupported by a family, is desperately vulnerable. Husbands, for example, can divorce wives without giving a reason, and within three months the marriage is over. Women, unless a special clause has been inserted into the marriage contract, have no such right.

Shamshad Hussain, of the Keighley Women's Domestic Violence Forum, is on the frontline of attempts to save women from enforced marriages. She said: "Women come to us and say they are being sent on 'holiday' or they have been told to visit their grandmother who is dying, and they worry that there is an arranged marriage waiting for them. "We advise them to go through with it if they have to, but to make a note of their new husband's visa application when they are interviewed at the High Commission in Islamabad. Then, when they get home, we tell them to write to the authorities telling them that the application is based on a forced marriage.

"It is sad that we have to use what we have always viewed as racist legislation to keep these men out, but it is vital that we protect these women's basic human rights. Over the years, I reckon hundreds of unwanted husbands have been kept out like this."

It should be pointed out that most arranged marriages are not unwanted, and are at least as successful as many marriages of choice. Many Muslim men and women are given a choice over a number of partners, and many parents in Asian communities demand no more than that their children marry someone of the same religion.

The most vigorous enforcers of arranged marriages hail from the Mirpur district of north-east Pakistan – the area to which Yasmin was taken. And it was the area which Ajaz was determined to leave. When she heard that he was on his way to Britain, she ran away again and sought help from Philip Balmforth, a former police inspector who runs a West Yorkshire police programme for Asian runaways in Bradford, reasoning that if her husband did not find her, then a bounty hunter would.

Mr Balmforth regularly helps women to change their identities and settle down somewhere new. He speaks to employers, persuading them to erase personnel files and, where possible, to transfer the employee – complete with new name – to a new branch or office. "You have to forget your past and get a new identity, or they will hunt you down like a dog," said Yasmin. "The bounty hunters show no remorse. They just want the money, and there are more and more of them all the time.

"They use wide networks of friends and relatives in banks, post offices, large companies and government offices to trace you. If you don't change your name and run away, you have no chance."

But, for Yasmin, it has so far not come to that. Her parents have agreed to take her back without Ajaz, but he is here, and pressure is growing on Yasmin to act like a "proper" wife. So far, she has resisted. "I have told them I want a divorce, but I can't do anything for about a year," she said. "I can't relax until then, and it feels like a long way off. But I have to be determined. I have to be my own person."

So, comes the inevitable question, reluctantly posed: did she have to consummate the marriage? "Not at first," she replies. "I wouldn't. But his family put so much pressure on me that I had to do it eventually. And when I did, it felt like rape."



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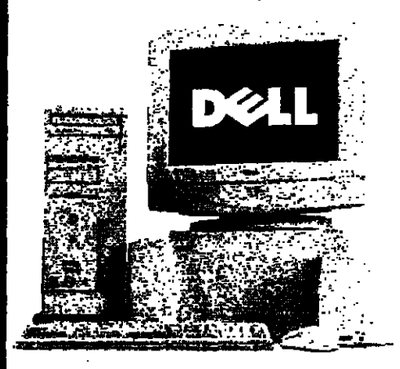
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A world church

Sir: I wish your leader writer ("Why should the Church not get serious about sex?", 20 July) would read Clare Garner's reports about the Lambeth Conference on the news pages. There you would discover that the Conference involves 800 bishops of the Anglican Communion, and that they represent 80 million Anglicans worldwide. There is continuing explosive growth in the numbers who take Jesus as their saviour and lord. The overwhelming majority of those 80 million are black and live in the Two Thirds World: there are ten times more Anglicans in Nigeria than in the US, for example.

Consequently when the bishops focus on issues such as evangelism, international debt and relations with Islam they are dealing with the real decisions facing Anglicans. The bizarre problems of the small churches of Britain and the US attract sympathy but cannot be allowed to overshadow the real debates.

Incidentally, you appear to have overlooked the tactics of the pro-gay caucus among US Anglican bishops. Unlike the campaigners outside Canterbury Cathedral many of them are anxious not to have any resolution on gay priests or gay marriages debated by the conference. They are well aware that such a debate could only lead to an overwhelming and trenchant rejection of their position. I have recently returned from a pre-Lambeth gathering of bishops in which a senior African bishop expressed the view that if the Episcopal Church of the USA takes an official view in favour of gay priests and gay marriages, then the rest of the Anglican Communion should show it the door.

The Rev PADDY BENSON
Barnston, Merseyside

Teachers' grief

Sir: As a junior school headteacher, I regret that the Secretary of State has, as is usually the case, chosen the last week of the summer term to upset the apple cart with teachers ("Superteachers to get big pay rises", *Independent on Sunday*, 19 July). They will go off on holiday feeling that all the hard work they have put in over this last year has once again been unappreciated.

Likewise, the Department for Education and Employment chooses the month of July to issue all its consultation papers, thereby ensuring the minimal response from the profession.

I am not at all sure that the DfEE understands what schools need. The first thing is time – time for properly thought-out responses to new initiatives, time to discuss with staff carefully how to develop the best approaches, time to spend with children, discussing their work and progress in detail, which is very difficult with large classes, time to analyse what is happening in core subjects.

This term, I am losing a gifted young teacher. She feels she cannot have a life of her own because of the pressure of constant change, imposition of initiatives, and the feeling that she is not able to devote quality time to children. She would be a prime candidate for a position as an Advanced Skills Teacher but, as she pointed out, that just brings more tasks and less time.

What do I think? Well, I will tell you when I have finished reading the 18-inch pile of bureaucracy that has amassed on my desk since half-term. I always keep the one from David Blunkett about "Reducing the Bureaucratic Burden" on the top; it reminds me of what is important.

A M GUY
Keswick, Cumbria

Sir: The father of education, Socrates, argued convincingly against Thracymachus that the doctor's art of healing would not be improved by financial reward; likewise, the art of ruling would not dispense better wisdom and justice. Surely no MP would admit to being more conscientious if offered performance-related pay. Why, then, inflict this gross insult on those who practise the art of teaching?

Instead, select and train teachers well. Pay them properly, as we do doctors and MPs.

ROBERT K McKECHNIE
Sidmouth, Devon

Tsarist legacy

Sir: Your leading article (18 July) is right, that the world does not need a Russia dreaming of imperial glory. But you are wrong in claiming that "little changed" after the murder of the last tsar and the establishment of the Soviet regime.

Russia under Nicholas II, with all the survivals of feudalism, had opposition political parties, independent trade unions and newspapers, a rather radical parliament and a modern legal system. Its agriculture was on the level of the USA, industry rapidly approaching the West European level.

In the USSR there was total tyranny, no political liberties and practically no human rights. Its economy was not viable; agriculture was destroyed. The terror against the population reached a scope unprecedented in history.

No wonder many Russians look back at tsarist Russia as a paradise lost.

OLEG GORDIEVSKY
London WC2

Sir: Are not the "drugs tsar", "homelessness tsar", and now "NHS waiting lists tsar" badly named in view of the poor record of organisation and effectiveness of this century's "original" Tsar (and indeed his ultimate fate)? On the basis that Mussolini at least made the trains run on time, might I suggest the title "Duce" as more appropriate?

STEPHEN MORRIS
Newport, Gwent

Blame for the Bug

Sir: It was not "bad programming" to use only the last two digits of the year; it was standard practice ("Clinton leads war on millennium bug", 15 July). Memory, RAM and disk, was dearer then and all programming was leaner on its usage of it. Although this saves on storage it hardly makes any difference to the effort required to produce a program – laziness is not in the picture here.

Programmers are at least as numerate as the rest of the population and always knew full well that 2000 followed 1999. Back in 1984, when I started to write software, we never dreamed that anything we wrote would still be around in 1994, let alone 1999. We thought technology was moving fast!

What the computer companies are guilty of is not reacting earlier on the very smooth, gradual slope up to 1999. The alarm has been rung far too late.

Business is also to blame. Had no business users ever really spotted that they never keyed "19" when keying in a date? Would business have been interested in paying extra for the conversion required before they were caught in the headlights?

ADAM B COOKE
London W14

Value of marriage

Sir: There are practical reasons for "tying the knot" ("Why bother to tie the knot", 13 July).

A wife has pension rights which a cohabiter does not. In my one-time role as a Citizens Advice Bureau volunteer, I encountered a woman of 54 whose boyfriend had just died after a cohabitation of many years. His firm unusually agreed to pay her a widow's pension, but only part of the lump sum. So his failure to marry the woman he "loved" cost her £25,000. And she would not get a state widow's pension.

If a will does not exist, or is flawed, or cannot be found, intestacy law automatically protects a spouse, but not a cohabiter. It also protects the children of a marriage. A spouse has automatic rights to the family home, but a cohabiter does not. And if you cohabit with a divorcee, his ex may come out of the woodwork to contest his will when he dies.

For a man, cohabitation means cheap and convenient sex, with someone to iron your shirts, share the bills and clean the loo. The one disadvantage is that the mother of your children might refuse to grant you parental rights. But now it is proposed to alter that, so that only women lose out.

W J HYDE
West Malling, Kent

No hot coals here

Sir: Glenda Cooper's comprehensive rubbishing of motivational training (Would you walk through fire for your boss?", 15 July) makes depressing reading for anyone connected with human resources management generally and the training and development industry in particular.

While the tone of the article was condescending and wickedly fimny, it contained too many generalisations about training. However, we understand why Glenda Cooper might feel and write as she did.

As directors of a company specialising in outdoor development training we despair of trainers using techniques which mean participants can "end up injured, humiliated or falling out," or worse, as happened to the Eagle Star employees.

Even more galling is the naivety of managers who commission and pay for such absurdities under the name of training and development. Does no one ever ask to see course programme contents, or evaluate risk assessments and safety procedures in advance?

Are we alone in believing it is high time this segment of the training market should be subject to regulation, registration and professional oversight? We shall be writing shortly to Government, industry and training agencies to suggest how this might be done.

No one expects trainers to "walk on water" but suggesting that trainees should "hot-foot it across coals" is equally unreal.

JOHN SMITH
ANDY CARLEY
Directors, Response 2000 Ltd
Brentwood, Essex

Forced marriages

Sir: Your allegation that the abolition of the primary purpose rule in 1997 has led to an increase in forced marriages is based on erroneous statistics ("Huge rise in forced marriages", 20 July).

The 440 reports of reluctant spouses you note are related to the last five years, not the last 12 months. This radically changes the picture that you presented. Another important point is that all couples are interviewed separately, thus allowing anyone to make their true feelings known to the visa officer. It is completely wrong to equate arranged marriages with forced marriages, the latter being quite clearly unacceptable and in this country illegal.

If someone tells us, during a private interview, or by telephone, that they are being forced into a marriage, we give them details of organisations in the UK which can offer practical help and support. We run an information campaign telling people how to get this help. And we of course refuse visas where the UK partner is prepared to testify publicly that they are an unwilling party.

The Foreign Office does a lot to help British nationals, regardless of their ethnic origin, who find themselves forced into a marriage. There are limits to the help we can give, including those imposed on us by international law in relation to dual nationality. I welcome the attention you have given to this serious problem – the more so since it gives me this opportunity to set out how we can help.

LIZ SYMONS
(Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean)
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Foreign & Commonwealth Office
London SW1

Good causes clash

Sir: I have long felt the need for both a national and local register of special days and events. This would not only avoid clashes between campaigns but could also encourage joint ventures on projects, if people knew about them in time.

As 2000 approaches a plethora of extra activities and specialist campaigns is inevitable, with everyone jumping on the millennium bandwagon. A national and local register could help to focus attention on specific ideas and themes and allow small and large organisations the opportunity to work together for mutual benefit.

I co-run a costume hire and desktop publishing business and many of our customers are involved not only with schools, businesses, local government and charity campaigns but also organise conferences and open days. Although some campaigns are advertised and planned in advance many are just what happens to catch the local and national media interest and may not be the most deserving of attention. A database or register could overcome this problem.

ANNE HOLLIS
Maidstone, Kent

America's friends

Sir: In your splendid editorial "Don't water down international justice" (17 July), you seem to have missed the point about America's objections to the International Criminal Court.

The main reason America did not want such an independent court is that most of its friends will probably be called up before it for violations of human rights and other sorts of inhuman behaviour. When one looks at those countries with oppressive regimes to which America sells arms, one finds that it isn't only the "pariah" states such as Libya, Iran and Iraq who are the nasties. Some of America's best friends have abysmal records.

The other reason America doesn't want the ICC is that it is designed to be independent. Anything America cannot control, America opposes.

A KEVORKIAN
London W1

IN BRIEF

Sir: When coal pits can be counted on two hands, is it not strange that the number of coalface workers far exceeds the several hundred thousands employed at nationalisation of the coal industry in 1947?

Barely a week passes without the media referring to these ghostly hackers of the country's coal. They include lawyers, accountants, psychologists, medical consultants and even teachers. A BBC radio interviewer recently asked a police spokesman for the reaction "at the coal face" to a chief constable's suggestion that a deficiency of men on the beat might be remedied by using private security staff.

I had believed that the nearest the police ever came to a coal face was in 1984-85, when they could hardly be accused of having "mucked-in" with the miners.

G DOWNS-ROSE
Chesterfield, Derbyshire

Sir: I was amused by Virginia Ironside's recent article (Fussy Eaters, 15 July) and a letter (17 July) from J J S Goss in support.

I well remember my late father, 50-odd years ago, collecting mouldy pieces of cheese, melting them and happily eating the resulting greeny-yellow mess with mustard and bread. He had to prepare it himself, as my mother could not bear the look of it, but he lived a healthy 84 years.

What would today's hygienic food proponents make of that?

Mrs E A TELFORD
Alton, Hampshire

Sir: I question Paul Vallely's description of the Carthusian way of life as "the most demanding of all religious vocations" ("The calling", 17 July). What about the Christian parent bringing up three children alone on the fourteenth floor of a high-rise – with no weekly "companionable walk", never mind a shared religious attitude with those around? Is it not time we left behind this nonsense about a hierarchy of "vocations"? I would like to think the Carthusians would agree.

HANNAH WARD
Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire

My audition to replace Melvyn on Start the Week



MILES KINGTON

The tragedy of Radio 4 is that it hasn't got nearly enough Renaissance listeners

LISTENING TO Melvyn Bragg's final *Start The Week* on Radio 4 yesterday, I was struck yet again by what a loss this man is going to be. A Renaissance man like Melvyn could start the week all by himself. Don't take my word for it. Take his.

Introducing a new book by Professor Richard Gregory yesterday, he said: "Well, Richard Gregory, this book, is perfect for me – it's got physics, psychology, literature, painting, history in it..." The tragedy of Radio 4 is that it hasn't got nearly enough Renaissance listeners.

Still, things must move on, and preparations to find Melvyn's successor are already far advanced. I can say this with absolute confidence as I myself have been called to audition, and I have already got through to round two. They swore us to absolute silence on the matter when we all arrived, but as everyone knows, when a BBC person says that something is strictly off the record, they are really begging you to publicise it, so I feel no compunction in telling you what happened.

The people I was auditioned by all seemed to be either Scottish or women, and I got the impression that there are very few genuine English males left in the BBC... I sat down and waited until one of them asked me an intelligent question.

"You would like to chair *Start The Week*, then, I take it?" said someone.

"No," I said. "But I would like to be asked to do it."

"What's the difference?"

"If you don't know the difference," I said, turning a cold eye on the questioner, "I won't be inviting you on *Start The Week*."

"Right," said someone else hastily. "Now, so far *Start The Week* has acquired a solid following as an intellectual discussion of a kind seldom heard on British radio, a forum where people are not afraid to debate ideas, a kind of forum more usual in the French media, where intellectual is not a dirty word..."

"Hold on, hold on," I said. "Shall I translate for you? What you are trying to say is that Melvyn Bragg has turned this programme from an amiable magazine compered by jolly uncle Richard Baker into a spikily thrusting if perforce shallow bit of talk which nobody in their right mind would want to listen to first thing on a Monday. You are desperate to get *Start The Week* away from the early Monday morning slot and replace it with something more populist.

"However, this is one of those rare programmes that you can't move, because of its name. What you can do is get rid of Melvyn and change it. You have been at your wits' end trying to think of ways of turning it into something a bit dumber. Finally, Tony Blair has let you off the hook. For reasons we can only guess at, he has offered Melvyn a peerage. Melvyn, for reasons we can only guess at, has accepted it. You have clutched gratefully at this straw and have come out saying that a man so closely tied to New Labour could not possibly be objective enough to chair a discussion on new trends in genetics and Renaissance studies. It's a pathetic excuse but it's an excuse..."

"Hold on," said one of the Scots. "Don't you agree that his close connection with New Labour might be a source of bias?"

"Oh, for heaven's sake," I said, "why is it that the British think that anyone with strong opinions is automatically debarred from discussing things? Would you rather that discussions were conducted by people who had no particular opinions? That would be exciting, wouldn't it? In any case, you must have known about Melvyn Bragg's New Left leanings long ago. Why wait till he got a peerage? If a peerage is what he was after, he is likely to be less ambitious and party political now that he has achieved it, isn't he?"

There was silence. Then a woman spoke.

"Actually, it wasn't anything to do with his New Left leanings. We tend to think of New Left people as being a bit old-fashioned, but not undesirable. No, it was because of Arsenal."

"Pardon?" I said.

"Melvyn is a fanatical Arsenal supporter."

"Isn't it Spurs ?" said another woman.

"Whatever. Well, when he came in on a Monday, depending on whether they'd won or lost, he would either be really sunny, almost hyper, or way down and start being rude to people. It became unbearable after a while."

"What team do you support, Mr Kington?" said someone else.

"Wrexham," I said.

"Then you must be well used to disappointment by now," he said.

"I am," I said.

It was at this point that they felt it was a good moment to break it to me that I hadn't got the job. It was at that point I broke it to them that I didn't want it. We parted, mutually satisfied.

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Transport policy takes a turn for the better

EVERYONE AGREES that traffic is one of the most pressing problems we face, and that it is slowly getting worse. Reducing traffic pollution and congestion is one of those apple pie and motherhood aims we all share. The trouble is, there are are almost as many solutions floated as there are drivers on the M25. So has John Prescott really done the impossible? Has he managed to produce a White Paper that deserves the support of drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and just about anyone else who ever travels anywhere? To judge from their various reactions – or, more specifically, those of their respective lobbying organisations – he has indeed.

But the truth of the matter is, as always, more complicated. Recognise first that this is a White Paper, not a Bill, and there is a long way to go before any of the Deputy Prime Minister's proposals receive the Royal Assent, let alone take practical effect. The genesis of the White Paper (itself much delayed) reflects such a journey. When Mr Prescott handed over the more strongly anti-car first draft to the "teenyboppers" in the Downing Street Policy Unit, their response was to feed much of it into the office shredder. In the world of New Labour, nothing is ever "anti" anything. Consensus rules. So now Mr Prescott is at pains to stress that neither he nor his White Paper is anti-car.

This is nonetheless a useful document, if far from radical, and the emphasis on persuasion rather than coercion is sensible. As a series of individual measures – some of which are more worthwhile than others – the sum is no greater than the parts, but it is by concentrating on this micro level that real progress to help communities is going to be made. The only potentially revolutionary aspect to it, ironically, has nothing to do with transport. By agreeing to hypothecation of the road and parking charges proposed in the White Paper, the Treasury has opened up the way to a fundamental change in taxation policy. The arguments in favour of hypothecation are superficially attractive. Drivers, already heavily-taxed, will stomach additional charges if they can see the monies raised fed back to them through improvements in the transport infrastructure. But why should such a rationale apply to transport alone? When one thinks the idea through it falls apart.

The problem Mr Prescott faces is simple: every driver agrees that there are too many cars on the roads and too many inessential journeys that could be better made on public transport – journeys, that is, other than their own. Thus, while Mr Prescott is right to point to the school run as a major contributor to congestion, one wonders whether extra bike sheds and "safe" child walkways will really make much impact. Given half a chance, most parents would do anything to avoid the daily chore. But it is not just other traffic they want to protect their children from, it is also crime. And that means an adult accompanying a child to the school gate. The only thing likely to make a real dent would be more American style "school buses", which would be both popular with parents and safe.

The other area of concern is the idea of charging for car parking spaces. The government seems not to have fully shaken off the Old Labour view that "business" is some amorphous entity that is able to take on any extra burdens decreed by Whitehall. If businesses are to be charged for the car parking spaces they provide then only two things can follow: the costs will be passed on either to the customer or the employee. There is no such thing as a costless tax.

Leaving such gripes aside, however, the White Paper is a sensible compendium of measures which taken together should do a little good. It may even clear a few cars off the roads. But its legacy will be mostly symbolic, marking a turning point in government policy, the moment the state decided to start tackling our reliance on the motor car. For that alone, it is to be welcomed.



Selling the Stock Exchange short

HOW ABOUT this for an exercise in shooting yourself in the foot? Since the new "order-driven" computerised SETS system was introduced with such a fanfare last year – remember those pictures of Gordon Brown pressing the button and lighting up a sea of red? – the half hour or so from half past eight in the morning has been the cause of much concern. Trading is light and prices are inclined to be inexplicably distorted by "rogue" trades: just one or two deals can cause great volatility. And so the Stock Exchange has decided "after extensive consultation" that, from this week, the floor will open half an hour later, at 9 o'clock. "We believe," as the exchange puts it, "that a later opening will lead to more consistent pricing at the start of the day."

To coin a phrase: you couldn't make it up. The Stock Exchange is, of course, a vital cog in the money machine of the City, one of the few areas in which Britain is still a major world player. So how do the powers-that-be plan to maintain its competitiveness? By voluntarily giving up half an hour's morning trading. What a surprise that no sooner was the announcement made than Frankfurt advertised itself as offering an hour's more business than London (it opens at 8 o'clock London time).

This brings into sharp focus a wider strategic question for the Exchange. Its decision to link up with Frankfurt will look more like a takeover if our systems are inferior to theirs, and the German Bourse acquires, more or less from nowhere, the status of "senior partner" to the London Stock Exchange.

Never mind that many people have been lobbying to open half an hour earlier. Never mind that precisely the reason why the market is so volatile early on is because there are few trades – so that the issue is relatively minor anyway. No, say a big welcome back to that phenomenon we thought had died out in the Big Bang: City buffoonery.

Clock this...

FIRST IT was turned into luxury flats and a hotel. Even turning parts of it into an aquarium and a Chinese restaurant was just about understandable. But now comes the most surreal thing to hit County Hall since Ken Livingstone and his collection of amphibians. Yes, the former home of the GLC is to house a Salvador Dali museum. One wonders how anyone came up with the idea. Perhaps after a game of surrealist word association? Waterloo... Clock... Dali!

Sorry, Mr Prescott, but only coercion will drive our cars off the road



DAVID AARONOVITCH

It is just not true that we use our cars because public transport isn't good enough. That is just our excuse

I AM one of John Prescott's problems. Until I was 30 I rode a bike to work. And then I bought myself a steel grey Ford Escort, and I never got on the bike again. More than a decade later the green panniers, yellow helmet and crotch-hugging lycra shorts lie mouldering in a box under the stairs.

The Raleigh Classic itself is long-gone, but outside, by the public pavement, stands one of my family's two cars. In two senses only, subsequent events have vindicated this choice. Only last month it was revealed how much damage can be done to the perineum by an over-hard and over-thin saddle. And I am still – unlike many fellow city cyclists – in one piece, having got out before a lorry could turn left across me, or a white van could shunt me into a bollard. But in every other way this decision has been a bad one. I am fatter, uglier, more stressed and much less fit as a result of it.

But why exactly, is increased car use by people like me socially intolerable? The world still turns on its (slightly warmer) axis, and if we do sit in bad traffic jams twice a day, well at least we can get the week's shopping on the way home – something our parents had to set aside half a day to accomplish.

OK then. If you live or work in a city or town, get up and look outside your window. You can't see anything? Now mentally subtract, say, two thirds of the cars and vans from the scene in front of you. See how wide the street, freed from parked vehicles, has suddenly become, restored to the dimensions that were originally designed for it. Look how everything is opened up, now that you do not peer at it over an unbroken fence of chrome and metal.

The traffic, too, has been reduced by two thirds. Perhaps you could imagine riding a bike again in circumstances like these. If you are a parent you will be aware of how much easier it is for your kids to cross the road, or go roller-blading, or play football in the street, or even walk to the local school.

And sniff the air for a moment, with the amount of diesel particulates, sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide now significantly reduced...

That was all a dream. The reality is Hetty Hatstand, the engine left running on her double-parked, bull-barred Range Rover, as she delivers Dominic to St Dunstan's Academy for the Rich. It's 22-year-old Gary Sneed, his seat belt securely fastened, driving his battered GTi at 30 mph down a tiny back street, completely unable to see (let alone stop for) any small child that might have the temerity to cross his path. It's Ed and his Quality Builders in a 10-year-old Transit, chucking tangible black fumes like poisonous stink-bombs at everyone on his snail-paced route from the house he's doing up, down to the café on the High Street, where he will park in a bus lane while he buys two teas and a bacon sarnie.

The reality is a generation of children who only leave their houses by car, and who are imprisoned in their own homes – not by paedophiles or mass murderers, but by Gary, Hetty, Ed and me.

So we must act, and the government is acting. But we must not, of course, do so by "penalising" the motorist. The AA (of which I am a member) and the RAC are apprised, they say, of the need to have a more rational transport policy. It should be one, they argue, that gently encourages car-owners to make some of their journeys by foot, bicycle or public transport, but that does not coerce them. First put in place a massively improved bus and train network, they say, and we would be the first to welcome it. We'd be out of our Vauxhall Viagras and onto the trams in a two shakes of a lamb's tail.

I can't remember who first said to me that the AA was Britain's equivalent of America's National Rifle Association, but they weren't far wrong. For the AA knows full well that the public transport improvements that they demand as a precondition for action against cars, are a chimera. Or, to put it more simply, it is just not true that we use our cars because public transport isn't good enough. That just happens to be our excuse. It's like those people who use private schooling for their under-11s on the basis that the local schools are dreadful – and then you discover that they haven't so much as set foot in one.

The evidence, which we are reluctant to accept, is that even substantially enhanced public transport reduces car use only marginally. The much vaunted (and beautiful) Manchester tram system, for instance, has hardly touched car journeys into and through the city, despite huge expenditure. Ignoring congestion, people remain obstinately attached to their cars.

In part this is explicable in terms of freedom from the elbows, smells, threatening proximity and Walkmans of other public transport users. But economics and convenience play a big part too. Once you have bought a car, taxed it, MOT'ed it, cleaned it, and bought Supertramp tapes for it, almost any other form of transport is likely to be just as, if not more, expensive. Furthermore you will not have to wait to board your own car, nor will it drop you 400 yards from your house on a stinking day in late January.

One answer to this problem would be to make it far more expensive just to own or run a car. Road tax could be raised to genuinely prohibitive levels (say, a grand a year), fuel tax could be quadrupled, and the cars themselves made hugely more expensive to buy – as in Singapore. The trouble is that this approach, while tempting, is genuinely inequitable. It impacts too harshly upon the poor and the rural.

What catches the rich and poor equally, while targeting the areas where life really is destroyed by the car, is simple old-fashioned coercion. Coercion means streets closed to private traffic, parking restricted to all except residents, two lanes of a three lane road reserved for buses and bikes, leaving only one for other traffic, instant fines for driving at over 15 mph on back streets. It means £100 on-the-spot fines for illegal parking and driving in bus lanes.

Coercion works, too, because quite a lot of traffic "vanishes". When, at the height of the IRA bombing offensive, the "ring of steel" was placed around the City of London, the delays and inconvenience led to a substantial drop in traffic, which was not displaced, but disappeared. When Kew Bridge in south-west London was closed to cars, there was no increase in the vicinity, but there was, once more, a foot and cycle bridge over the Thames.

It may be that, politically, such necessarily vicious measures have to be accompanied by reams of pieties, and loads of cooked-up statistics on public transport investment. And, certainly, this is one area where hypothecation may actually work, recycling the dosh from fines and parking charges into cycle lanes and lollipop ladies and gentlemen. But it will be the nasty little acts of coercion that will get us out of our motors.

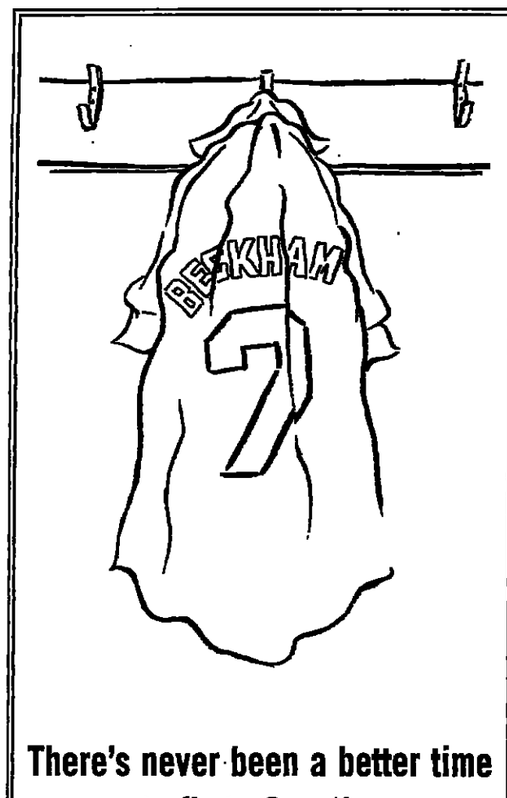
Repeat such acts a thousand times over (which Mr Prescott's White Paper will allow local authorities to do) and I would, I promise, get down to the bike shop and see if Raleigh still makes the Classic. And I also promise that I won't wear the lycra shorts.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have such political correctness in this country it drives me potty and makes me want to take off my clothes and swear very loudly in public."
Anna Ford, broadcaster and journalist

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Glückseligkeit is nicht ein Ideal der Vernunft, sondern der Einbildungstraft."
(Happiness is not an ideal of reason but of imagination.)
Immanuel Kant, German philosopher



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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Reaction to the drugs scandal engulfing the Tour de France



"WE ARE all accomplices in this grotesque hypocrisy because we all know that drug-taking is prevalent during the Tour de France. When you take into account the fact that the race is dependent on high financial stakes, you realise it couldn't be otherwise. When you are in a team and have to earn a living, you have no choice. For this reason, it is inconceivable that the Festina team is the only guilty party."
Le Parisien

"IT WILL be difficult to break the sport-money-chemical products circuit. It would be wiser to leave the remaining cyclists to finish the Tour without submitting them to the daily anguish of random testing. We're certainly not going to be able to resolve the problem in the little time remaining before the end of this year's race. In any case from September a team of experts is going to have to plunge into this dingy universe. After all, it is the prestige of the sport which is in question."
Le Figaro

"ISN'T IT significant that cycling, so 'natural', so ecological, so 'authentic', now reveals itself to be sullied by a drugs scandal? The Festina business reflects a France – the world champion of drug consumption – in which the cult of performance and victory are exalted and in which cheating is legitimised through victory. The competitors won't be able to find the strength to break out of the vicious circle of investment imposed by the sponsors, the trainers and the organisers. And the exclusion of one team won't miraculously absolve the pack. The situation can only get messier."
Libération

"IT IS not simply a question of punishing allegedly guilty champions, of chastising the practitioners who are acting like sorcerers' apprentices or the trainers who are desperate to keep their athletes at their peak throughout the season. It isn't even a question of simply tracing the well known trafficking network. The point is that the very legitimacy of this sport is in question. Should we be turning the 'slaves to the road' so dear to Albert Londres into élite laboratory rats?"
Le Monde

"ALTHOUGH THE use of illegal drugs has long been suspected in the professional pack, the thousands of drug checks carried out every season implicate fewer than a dozen riders. A major question has been whether the rumours are unfounded or whether the doctor that most teams employ is far ahead of the drug inspectors."
International Herald Tribune, Paris

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"RUMOURS OF my death are greatly exaggerated ... at the moment," said the "Man of the [Sunday] People" himself, Tom Petrie. At the moment? So it's true that Petrie was about to make way for a new column to be written by David Mellor? "You'd have to speak to the editor, I honestly don't know ... I probably know less than you," Petrie replied to Pandora's query. Meanwhile, Mellor's office gleefully announced that the column had already started. Dutifully Pandora scanned last Sunday's issue, but no smiling mugshot of the ex-Minister for Fun or examples of his words of wisdom were to be found. Mellor's office took the trouble to check it out for me. "It should be in there, it's called 'Man of the People'," a lady at his office said. Uncanny. Perhaps it will surface next week.

GARY STREETER, the Conservative MP for Devon South West has been preaching about the revival of his party's fortunes in a recent issue of Church of England News. "A powerful new ethics committee will ensure that the activities of a few will never blight the whole Party's good name again," Streeter assured readers in the issue of 1 May this year. "Holier-than-thou" is the cry against Streeter, the former Home Office Minister responsible for legal aid, who was found guilty last week of breaking Law Society rules with "conduct unbefitting a solicitor" and fined £1,000.

How fortunate that Streeter's Party are now out of government, and that nobody will really notice his blight on their good name.

WHILE NEW Labour are in the process of exporting their media expertise across the Channel (notably to aid Spanish socialist leader Josep Borrell), it would seem that back-bench rebels may be able to learn from events across the Atlantic. Last week, the Washington Post reported that the city police's emergency response team gave up their pagers for several hours in protest at inadequate training. A useful ploy for veteran rabble-rousers such as Grimsby MP Austin Mitchell to adopt when waging war against Millbank, perhaps? "I would never give up my pager, especially with the re-shuffle approaching. The call might come at any time," says Labour's plain-speaking Yorkshireman. "Besides, how would I know what to think?"



EVERY YEAR, students and parents wait with high hopes for definitive words from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. But is UCAS as meticulous with its own literature as it is with students' application forms? Seemingly not. One of Pandora's colleagues noticed the following spelling errors among its guidelines: "If it is necessary, you will be adviced [sic] by October 1998. Some bursaries will be avaliable [sic]." Clearly UCAS have failed to make the grade.

NO SURPRISE to meet interior designer Nicky Haslam at last week's opening of yet another K-Bar, this one in Chelsea. The rejuvenated Haslam (one of the participants in the K-Bar "experience") was ranked 17th on *Tatler*'s recent list of London's most in-demand party guests. However, the pressure of being ranked only four places higher than fellow designer and restaurateur Sir Terence Conran (pictured) seems to be taking its toll. When asked if he admired the way Conran's various establishments avoided any chain-store uniformity, Haslam retorted: "Terence Conran? He's a great, fat lump."

NOT APPEARING in *Tatler*'s list of 250 "must-have" guests is Simon Le Bon, also present at the K-Bar last week. Pandora understood completely that Le Bon didn't really want to talk about his musical career and was impressed by his parting excuse: "And now I'm off to talk to some girls, just like I did in the beginning." And why not? After all, there was no sign of his wife Yasmin to hold him back.

CAN JAMES Dean ever rest in peace? On two occasions the tombstone of the late teen idol has been stolen, the second theft occurring just last week. But it may be that the man who still adorns the bedroom walls of countless teenagers has had the last laugh. The tombstone was abandoned in the middle of a busy road sixty miles away from Dean's hometown of Fairmont, Indiana, damaging the car of Deputy Sheriff Aaron Gilman who ran over it. "I thought I might straddle it, but I didn't quite make it," Gilman told the New York Post afterwards. Millions of "Deanagers" everywhere will be proud to know that their hero is still bucking authority from beyond the grave.

Bring on the next celebrity victim



TERENCE BLACKER

The English like to batten upon those who are not only vulnerable but sexually desirable

What was it that was so odd and embarrassing about the press conference at which the French footballer and alleged heartthrob David Ginola announced his support for the anti-landmine campaign? Was it the fact that his native country is famously enthusiastic about selling arms to anyone if the price is right? Or was it his appearance as the resident hunky foreigner on the BBC's World Cup panel?

Certainly his pouty, mane-waving performance in a series of shampoo commercials did little to establish his credentials as *un homme sérieux*. Still, he's quite famous and sincere and has a nice smile: so why should his involvement in Diana's favourite charity have seemed so hilariously wrong-headed?

The truth seems to be that while David is undeniably a celebrity, he's the wrong kind of celebrity. Even at moments of extreme awkwardness – as when Jimmy Hill responded to his reference to "passionate football" with a ghastly grinning flirtatiousness – he behaves with the weary politeness of one who understands the price of fame. He's just not tragic enough to be a celebrity who cares. His life is patently light on heartbreak. In short, he has not been to hell and back.

Fortunately, another footballer is being prepared for this role. His name is David Beckham and, although his grasp of English is slightly shakier than Ginola's, his credentials as a celebrity victim are impressive. A good-looking boy hero with a liking for the good life and a famous girlfriend, he scored one of the goals of the World Cup finals, and then, in the next match, directed a girly sideways kick at an Argie in the manner of a three-year-old having a row with his sister, and was sent off.

Overnight he became an emblem of national failure and disappointment. Death threats were sent to his family. His club had to hire a full-time security guard to protect him in training. An effigy in a Beckham shirt was strung up by the neck and gleefully photographed by the press. Rights to the inevitable public apology, the new ducking-stool for celebrities, have been negotiated by the BBC. The tabloids have taken their traditional position in the front-row seats, imploring fans not to destroy the lad, while quietly fanning the flames of hatred.

Now much of this is the usual celebrity madness. At a time when someone fantasises about raping Steven Spielberg, when even Michael Winner excitedly reports that he too is being stalked, there's obviously something about fame that robs the mentally frail of any sense of judgement or sexual taste.

But why Beckham? When the great Butch Wilkins took an early bath in a World Cup finals game, there was never any question of his being vilified. Had any other member of the team playing Argentina, with the possible exception of Michael Owen, been sent off, he would have been subject to no more than routine ribbing from fans at the beginning of the season.

No, Beckham's credentials had almost nothing to do with what he did: it was who he was that mattered. Naive, not very bright, a fake blonde, enjoys the celebrity lifestyle, has a famous love life and, above all, cute-looking: who does this remind us of? The photographs of him ducking miserably out of a car, a hunted look in his eyes, pursued by cameramen, contains a clue. Since the death of Diana, there's been vacancy for the nation's favourite celebrity-victim and now we have candidate.

There's something very creepy and English about all this, something connected to the nation's sexual frustration and incipient sado-masochism. Just as Fergie was simply too big and bouncy and red-haired to be an acceptable victim in the Diana mode, so it would be inconceivable for any other England sportsman – Tim Henman, say, or Damon Hill – to be hounded by enraged, excited fans.

The syndrome is one which a sex therapist, or anyone who has been to prison or boarding-school, will recognise. While pack animals turn on the weakest member of the group, the English like to batten mercilessly upon those who are not only vulnerable but also sexually desirable.

There is a sadistic urge to build up the chosen victim, subjecting him or her to a campaign of pursuit and adoration, bullying and hero-worship, until the inevitable crack-up occurs. At that point, a process of adoring, tearful reparation can begin. Recently this national love of humiliation has acquired a new, sanctimonious gloss; as confessional TV programmes reveal every day, caring and hatred feed upon one another.

So what do we now expect of the luckless David Beckham? Not much. Apology, despair, professional and personal misfortune, a trip to hell and back, should just about do it. Then we'd love him to tell us all about landmines.

Is there any life left in the House of Commons?



DONALD MACINTYRE

The Commons is beginning to feel like the Victorian theme museum it so closely resembles

THE LIGHTS are on. But is anyone at home? The House of Commons is somehow not the fashionable place it once was. It is not merely that Tony Blair is notoriously iffy about the place, and that when he addresses the Parliamentary Labour Party for an end-of-termish meeting tomorrow, it will be a relatively infrequent visit.

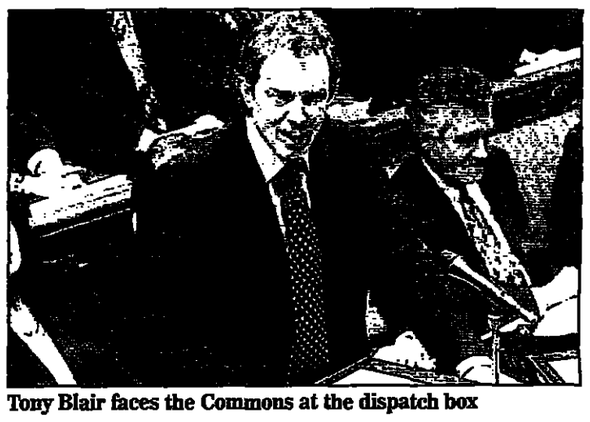
Nor is it that his entertaining knockabout each Wednesday afternoon with William Hague is so seldom enlightening. Nor that the huge majority he secured last year means that the days of knife-edge Commons votes are only a memory. Nor that major policy announcements, including yesterday's Transport White Paper, are regularly trailed before they even get to Parliament. Think, too, about all the competition the Palace of Westminster is about to have: two great palaces for the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly. Then there's a new life for Stormont, that huge neo-classical temple on the fringes of Belfast. Oh, and don't forget Admiralty Arch, the probable and highly desirable new address for the London Mayor. Somehow the Commons is beginning to feel like the Victorian theme museum it so closely resembles.

It all attests to one of Blair's great achievements over the last year: the rapid devolution of power. But here's the paradox. On the one hand, Blair has indeed pressed on faster and more thoroughly than anyone expected with constitutional reforms which move democratic control closer to where it is exercised. On the other, the huge authority which he and his government retain in Whitehall has seldom been less subject to challenge. You don't have to believe Derek Draper's boast that there are only "17 people who count" to realise that the constitutional checks and balances on the executive have rarely been more paltry. Respect – and sometimes fear – of the press is highly developed within the administration. Respect, let alone fear, of what the Commons can do to the Government is in much less evidence.

Now this wasn't quite supposed to be. The section of the Labour manifesto headlined "An Effective House of Commons" left a firm impression that the Government was serious about a more robust, less supine, parliament. Yet the signs are that the project of reforming the House of Commons is running into a siding. The work done by the committee chaired by the Leader of the House, Ann Taylor, is worthy and sensible, designed to make the place more civilised and parent-friendly by adjusting the hours that Parliament sits. It has posed virtually none of the fundamental questions about what the functions of a modern House of Commons are in an era in which the volatility of the electorate makes huge majorities possible and when power is draining away from Westminster. And that, you can't help feeling, can't all be Ms Taylor's fault.

Not everything about the Commons is bad, or pointless. There are slight, flickering, signs of life in the Commons Select Committees. It was sensible for Giles Radice's Treasury Select Committee, faced with a firm refusal by the Government to allow US-style confirmation hearings of members of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, to go ahead and carry them out anyway. The Foreign Affairs Select Committee has already gone several rounds with Robin Cook on the, admittedly rather peripheral, dispute over Sandline's dealings in Sierra Leone. But, overall, the modern Select Committee system has not yet lived up to the expectations created for it when it was ushered in by the Tory government in 1979.

Indeed, the most signal potential exception could yet prove to be a committee which Gladstone helped to establish more than a century before that – the Public Accounts Committee, less grandstanding but rather more forensic than the others, which has the benefit of having the National Audit Office to supply it with raw data – and some skilful Labour interrogators like Alan Williams and Maria Eagle. Its new Tory chairman, David Davis, took a clever career decision when he decided to take the job, in preference to a middle-ranking one in the Shadow Cabinet. Like Harold Wilson, a past chairman, he has correctly concluded that it was one of the best jobs in opposition. He has already started to make a difference, driving the committee's writ into royal expenditure and the running by Camelot of the National Lottery, and putting what will probably prove irresistible pressure to be given auditing rights over housing associations and legal aid. Unworried by the harsh light the National Audit Office has thrown on the privatisation scandals of the Tory era – like the way in which individual railway managers made up to £30m from the sale of rolling stock to the private sector – he has asked for two reports on future privatisations and private-public partnerships, to prevent the taxpayer being as short-changed in future. So far, the PAC is still dealing with the backlog from the last government. Soon it will start on the present one. Some of this, like the work it has planned on the chaos of the criminal justice system, will be helpful to the Government. Some of it, it is to be hoped, will embarrass it, when it ought to be embarrassed.



Tony Blair faces the Commons at the dispatch box

But this isn't enough. How many bills, for example, are being considered carefully by select or standing committees in draft form to prevent abortions like the pensions mis-selling scandal under the previous government's legislation? Where is the review of ministerial accountability promised in the manifesto "to remove recent abuses". Why do the whips still have the biggest say on who does and who doesn't go on select committees? Does the Government back Mr Davis's own proposal that select committees should have their resources doubled? Does it back Paddy Ashdown's idea that they should be given more powers? And finally – a forlorn hope – does Tony Blair dare to boldly go where his predecessors have resolutely fail to and cut the number of ministers in his forthcoming reshuffle – which would would do a great deal to create an alternative backbench career structure?

After a year of constitutional reform, two further tests now await the Government's commitment to pluralism and modernisation. One is the Freedom of Information Bill, currently gridlocked in Whitehall as Lord Irvine battles against vested departmental interests to see it through. And another, in the spirit of the manifesto, is serious Commons reform.

Until then, to borrow EM Forster's ringing phrase, it's only "two cheers for democracy".

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The Martyrs' cause is still with us



PODIUM

JOHN MONKS

From a speech by the TUC's General Secretary to the Tolpuddle trade union festival and rally

WE TAKE pride in the stand made by six agricultural labourers from this small community.

We thank those who down the years have played their part in ensuring that we never forget the story of the Dorchester labourers and their struggle to ensure that trade unionism was not crushed by those who believed that the only power at work should be the power of the boss to hire and fire at will and to pay however much or however little he chose.

The 1830s were a time when trade unionism began to flourish. The campaign to bring the Tolpuddle Martyrs home was one of the first great, peaceful demonstrations of modern times.

We owe many of our ideals and many of our ideas to the Chartists, whose cause was inextricably linked to that of the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

After years of oppression following the French Revolution trade unionism began to emerge as a force in British society. It was a time of optimism, a time when working people took confidence in their own abilities to make their own lives better. Our history has seen many such periods.

The 1860s, when the TUC was formed, was another. And in the 1890s trade unionism broke out of its craft base and the concept of trade unionism spread to manual workers, to the dockers, to the gas workers and to the newly emerging clerks – the white-collar workers of Victorian days.

More recently, in the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies, we saw the growth of trade unionism among the new workers of those post-war days – the car workers, the professionals, the women workers – and among the public sector.

Interspersed with these periods of confidence we have gone through difficult times: times of recession and unemployment, when anti-union forces were in the ascendancy, when our membership fell into decline, and we had to hang on.

For the past 20 years or so we have struggled through such a period. We have faced a hostile government and aggressive employers. Had the Tories gone on for much longer we might even have seen the return of laws not too far away from the Combination Acts of the early 1800s, which would have been all too familiar to George Loveless and his companions.

But today things have changed. We have the Fairness at Work White Paper. It is no panacea. It will not right all the wrongs of the Tory years.

But it does give us a new base on which to build. We are already seeing employers thinking again about union recognition. Unions are back on the agenda for employers. We need to put them back on the agenda for workers, too.

This year at the TUC we have take on our first group of *Organising Academy* trainees. Unions are sponsoring dedicated organisers, young people in the main, enthusiastic, committed, dedicated to bringing the trade union message to today's workers: bringing imagination to the job of reaching out to those who work outside the trade union heartland.

A few weeks ago some of them were at that other traditional festival of the British summer, working in the mud at Glastonbury, taking the trade union message out from the workplace into the community.

What is important is that today we are putting in place practical measures to stop the loss of membership that has drained the trade union movement over the past 20 years.

We know that we have to recruit hard in order to stand still, and we know that unions have recruited thousands, indeed millions of members over the Eighties and Nineties. But we need to do more. We need to run faster – not just to stand still, but to make real progress.

The story of the Tolpuddle Martyrs makes it clear. It does take courage to organise in the face of a hostile employer, in a difficult climate. Today we live in easier times. Today you will not get transported to Australia, though some may wish you did. But it can be difficult and it does need courage. As the American trade unionist Andy Stern so aptly puts it:

If not us then who?

If not now then when?

It is not just about protecting people at work. It is not just about showing that union Britain is the best side of Britain – fairer, more competitive, more compassionate, better able to face the new millennium. We want to tell the story of the martyrs to new generations. And the message is for all times. Workers need unions today as much as they ever did.

It is our job to build a new trade union movement, that carries forward the ideals that inspired the Tolpuddle Martyrs, and meets the aspirations of today's generation of workers.

Spread the message.

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What's love got to do with it?



JACQUELINE LAING

In 20 years,a new industry has sprung up, offering not merely to cure infertility but to manufacture babies to order

IT IS 20 years since the birth of Louise Brown, the first test-tube baby. Photographs of chubby toddlers transforming into attractive women persuade us to accept the totality of the new reproductive technologies. Indeed the consulting room walls of renowned experts in the field, such as the much-televised Professors Robert Winston and Ian Craft, bristle with photographs of their young creations and grateful commissioning parents. And it is hard not to welcome a vision of this sort. But the reality behind these undeniably appealing images must give us pause.

In 20 years, a new multi-million pound industry has sprung up, offering in many cases not merely to *cure* infertility but to *circumvent* the problem by manufacturing a baby to satisfy the desires of commissioning parties.

Gift (gamete intra-fallopian transfer) places sperm and ova into the fallopian tube in an attempt to fertilise them there. IVF mixes eggs collected from the woman's body with sperm in a petri dish to fertilise them and place them in the uterus.

Both techniques mimic and replace old-fashioned sex through the introduction of a middle man. His place is to create human life; sometimes to freeze it, sometimes to experiment on it, and in many cases to destroy it. Gametes (i.e. sperm and ova), as well as human embryos, are routinely frozen and kept in banks where they are able to survive for decades.

In 1932 Aldous Huxley described the fictitious "Central London Hatchery and Conditioning Centre", 600 years in the future. He wrote of "bulging flanks row upon row and tier above tier of bottles", of numbered test tubes of male gametes kept at 35 degrees and the female kept at 37, and of the fertilising process which inspected gametes for abnormalities and transferred them to a porous receptacle for fertilisation with sperm and sent back to incubators.

The powerful image was of a production process, of the manufacture of quality-controlled children for a brave new world. And it is this production process that is the real trouble with this new burgeoning industry in 1998. In essence, we have the mass storage that Huxley described, and children produced through IVF are often screened for abnormalities.

Assisted reproduction is a hornet's nest. What is fundamentally at issue is the child and women's fertility. By interfering in the reproductive act, the technologists behave as though very young humans are just commodities, to be created, maintained and destroyed (if "unfit for their purpose") to satisfy the desires of desperate couples.

Children are being treated as if they were mere commodities to which commissioning parties have a right, whether by private funding or by virtue of the NHS. Like commodities they are subject to quality- control tests. But should we think of young human beings as if they were manufactured entities and women's fertility as a form of product manufacture?

Parental obligation and natural parental fondness are necessarily involved in the generation of human beings in a way that is not necessary in product manufacture. Again, commodities may be regarded as expendable if they are not fit for their purpose in a way that human beings ought not. Additionally, children have a sense of identity and often need to know from where they came; whereas merchandise makes no such demand.

Anonymous gamete donation is only one aspect of the new reproductive technologies that fails to accord the respect that is due to the child. Well-intentioned though gamete donors may be, they are essentially abandoning responsibility, both emotional and financial, for their children.

Furthermore, given the commercial and scientific interests at stake, it is quite possible for the modern clinician to prey on the unjustified fears of some women that their lives are meaningless or unfulfilled unless they have children. The truth, without labouring the point, is that one can lead a good and fulfilling life without children.

Examples of the manufacturing madness of the new bio-technocrats are legion. One British bio-technology expert and pioneer has inseminated human eggs into rabbits and monkeys in an effort to fertilise them there. He and others have called for further experimentation with human embryos in pigs, sheep and rabbits. Rats ova have been crossed with human sperm. Hamster tests, (examinations which test the motility or vigour of men's sperm by attempting fertilisation in hamster's ovum), are often used in IVF programmes.

It is now possible to freeze gametes and embryos and, consequently, to create human beings whose parents are long dead. A child can be created using the sperm of a corpse and the egg of a dead foetus. And cloning introduces the possibility of asexual reproduction.

News last week of the use of corpses in IVF in the United States suggests that there are no limits to which the clinician will go to satisfy the desires of those they deem meritorious. Dr Cappy Rothman, the urologist who undertook this and other sperm extractions believes that his work "gives people hope and lessens the pain of suddenly losing a loved one".

People can now regard death as no barrier to the production of children and grandchildren they never had. There is no question that sperm and ova frozen today can, in principle, be used to generate children 50 years hence.

Fertility clinic malpractice exists too. Couples and women at a fertility clinic in California who agreed to freeze their embryos returned to discover that their embryos or eggs had been given to other infertile couples who had gone on to bear their genetic offspring.

Examples of test-tube mix-ups abound. One white couple, after having undergone fertility treatment, thought they were going to have their own genetic child, only to discover that the mother had given birth to a bouncing black baby girl. Unhappy with their "product", the white couple then decided to sue.

Ian Craft may assert that it is "not [their] place to moralise", but the view that it is a doctor's place simply to consider, and attempt to satisfy, the desires of his patients shrouds the fact that reproductive technologies are, of their very nature, morally problematic.

Just because a patient wants something does not necessarily imply that he or she should have it. A man who *wants* to father hosts of children with different women, who themselves agree to artificial insemination using anonymous donor sperm, should not necessarily have his desire accommodated. There are moral limits to what can be legitimately undertaken and patient desires are not always paramount.

Indeed the above example is not as far-fetched as it may seem. There is a fertility expert in Virginia who has been tried for providing his own sperm to at least 15 couples. Many more couples chose, for obvious reasons not to give evidence against him.

This is, of course, a case of fertility malpractice. But what the example is designed to challenge is the extent to which a medical practitioner can be said to be a mere technician simply giving effect to the desires of his patients.

In the 20 years since Louise Brown was born, IVF and related technologies have become commonplace. Behind the facade of picturesque toddlers there are underlying moral conundrums which are still not being addressed.

In such a rapidly developing field, the morality of the new reproductive technologies should be considered before they become reality. If we fail to do this, we will then risk becoming a society that is insensitive to the duties that it unquestionably owes to its innocent members, and instead prefers to develop and cater to the manufacturing zeal of the new bio-technocrats.



Dr Ian Craft holds the container in which he created triplets

RIGHT OF REPLY

LEWIS GRUNDY

An executive with Karrimor, the rucksack makers, answers Pandora's campaign against backpack-wearers

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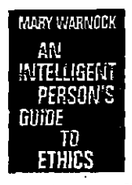
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The writing of wrongs



TUESDAY BOOK

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EVERYBODY IS interested in questions of right and wrong, and in every place where philosophy is taught ethics has always been considered an indispensable part of the syllabus. Not surprisingly, almost every year somebody publishes a book that aims to introduce the subject. But it is extraordinarily difficult to make ethics interesting, and the books seem almost always to fail.

Ethics is the Cinderella of philosophy. It seems boring. The only moralists who have attracted public interest in recent decades have been Iris Murdoch, because she revived the idea of the contemplative life, and Alisdair MacIntyre, because he boldly began from the fact that the subject is indeed in crisis.

Among the public, where ethics used to be we find a curious mixture of lifestyle trends, single-issue campaigning, talk of rights, and a general climate of moral scepticism. Much of the old vocabulary of ethics has fallen into disuse. When did you last hear talk of either conscience or the moral law?

Mary Warnock admits the difficulty. Her title recalls the books that used to be written by people like Shaw and Wells, aiming to enlighten the general public about some large topic about which they had only to foggiest notion. She recognises that in our tradition, ethics has had difficulty in emancipating itself from religion and standing on its own feet. But why should ethics have to be so dull?

At Oxford in the early 1940s, when she began to study moral philosophy, she was conscious of the gulf between the banal ideas of A J Ayer and G E Moore, and the stupendous events taking place across the Channel. Surely there had to be something serious that ethics is about?

So Warnock does in her book what she has done in her life: she turns towards practical ethics, and begins with chapters on Death, Birth and Rights. When public bodies debate policy on such matters as euthanasia or research on the early human embryo, they soon find that determining public morality is a basically political task. Absolutists must be coped with, and compromise formulae that all parties can live with must be devised and sold to disputants.

Mary Warnock has done all this with considerable success. She is a person of such obvious directness, reasonableness and authority that she never needed feminism: for 30 years it has been obvious to all that she should be in charge. It is not surprising that such a veteran chairman should conclude that public mortality has to be broadly utilitarian, and must involve attention to the facts, compromises and political skill. On all this, I think she is right. Her 14-day rule for human embryo research, still in force, is an excellent example.

The remaining three chapters are about personal ethics. "In the nursery, our nanny used to look at us threateningly, if we were being greedy, or showing off or annoying other people, and say 'T O O'. This meant 'Think Of Others'. It was not a bad basis for moral education."

Human beings are intensely social creatures, who must learn to recognise the needs and interests of their fellows, and sometimes give them precedence. Such an account of morality is quite compatible with thoroughgoing ethical naturalism. Warnock mentions figures like Aristotle and Hume, but a similar account is given by Charles Darwin.

Then, in her last chapter, she suddenly turns up the temperature, and drives home the importance of morality with an assault on various trends in contemporary thought of which she strongly disapproves. It's all very odd.

She must have known the late John Mackie, a good philosopher who summed up his position in the formula "fallible knowledge and invented ethics". Here, he is perplexingly converted into "McKie", and described as a moral cynic. But surely Mary Warnock's own 14-day rule is a good example of the necessity for, and the value of, moral invention?

In her last pages, Warnock becomes herself a moral realist and indeed an "absolutist". She attacks "relativism" and "postmodernism", even though she has earlier recognised that moral judgement is always relative to the perceived facts of the case. She is especially withering about such great figures as Foucault, Derrida, Rorty, and an unimportant Cambridge theologian who shall here be nameless, but who is highly gratified at being once again roasted in such exalted company.

One day, somebody must write a history of academic Europhobia in the Anglo-Saxon world. It has prevailed almost continuously since the French Revolution, its purpose being to protect vulnerable young minds from subversive new ideas emanating from Abroad. But it has done this country a lot of harm, and we should be glad that it is now ending. Its end will help to make ethics interesting again.

The reviewer is a Cambridge theologian whose most recent book is 'The Religion of Being' (SCM Press)

DON CUPITT

TUESDAY POEM

SMALL HOURS
BY ROBERT GRAY

I got up early, for the lavatory,
and saw the mottled yard
that was like itself in photocopy
and the moonlight fins on cloud;

then you appeared beside me and
we hid a rail as travellers' might,
maybe somniloquized, touched a hand,
tried to comprehend the night;

viewed it as though a tasteful grave,
until 'Nice to meet' one of us said,
who turned towards the dark wave
of our fathomless bed.

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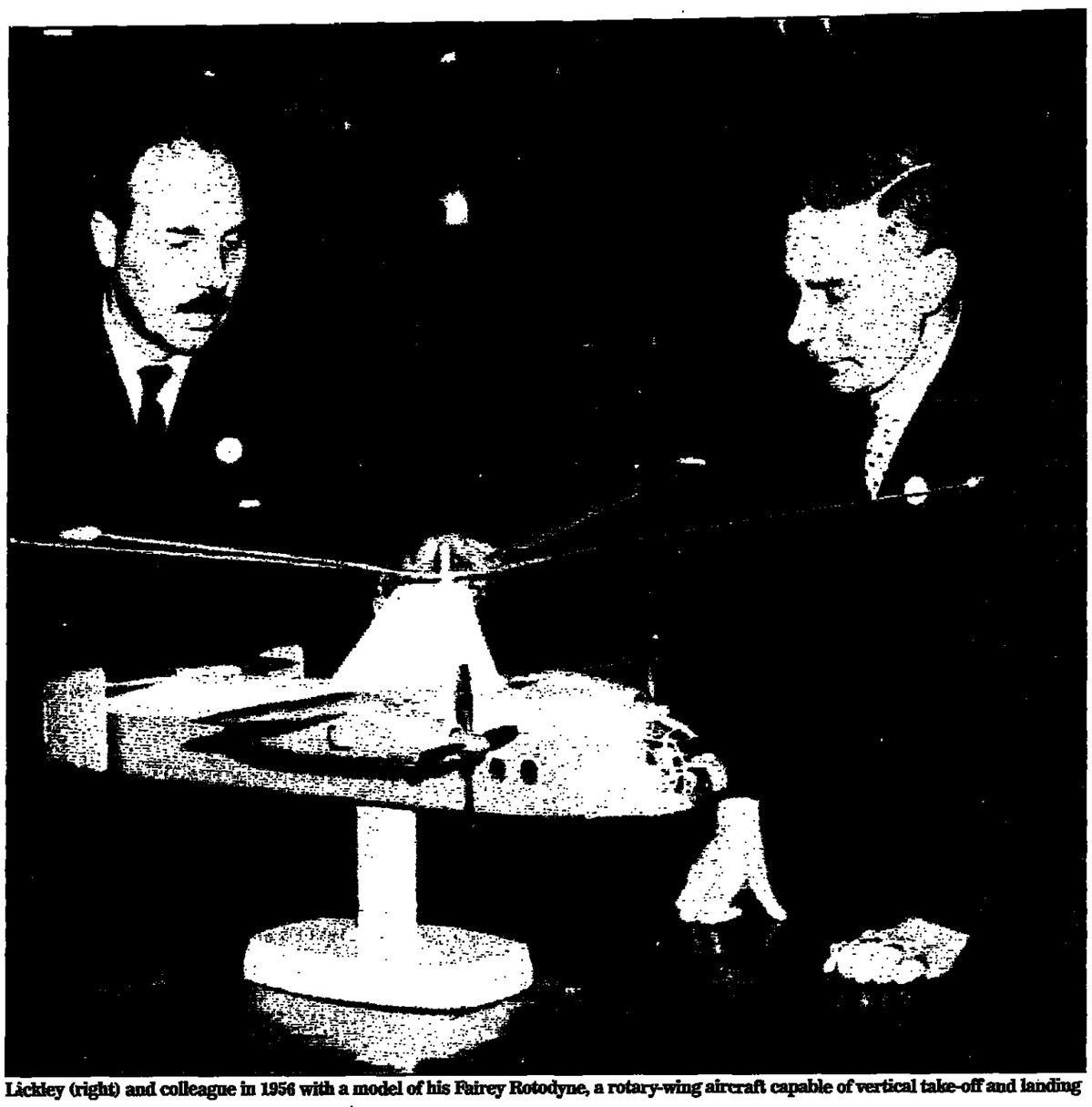
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Sir Robert Lickley



Lickley (right) and colleague in 1956 with a model of his Fairey Rotodyne, a rotary-wing aircraft capable of vertical take-off and landing

ROBERT LICKLEY was an aeronautical engineer of very high repute in both the British and American industries.

Born and schooled in Dundee, he graduated from Edinburgh University and then Imperial College, London, before joining the Hawker Aircraft design office at Kingston in Surrey in 1933. He was thus one of the early migrants from Scotland – and Wales – to the growing aircraft industry mainly based in southern England, which offered technical and intellectual opportunities to bright young engineering graduates.

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Under Sydney Camm, Lickley made his mark, with Roy Chaplin, in the mid-Thirties by creating the project design of a single-seat eight-gun monoplane fighter, which finally emerged as the Hurricane. This proved to be a very robust aircraft and a good steady gun platform, which the RAF Fighter Command used to great effect in the Battle of Britain a year or two later.

During the Second World War Lickley was deeply involved as chief project engineer in the development of the Hurricane, Typhoon, Tempest and Sea Hawk, all of which emerged from the Hawker stables.

After the war he was appointed Professor of Aircraft Design at the new College of Aeronautics at Cranfield, in Bedfordshire. In this appointment he brought on many able young engineers who later made their mark throughout the industry. These were fortunate people, as their professor had up-to-date and wide experience of aircraft design, development, and production and was thus able to impart to them all the lessons he had learned in his previous years with Hawker.

However, an opportunity beckoned in 1951 to return to industry as Chief Engineering and Technical Director of Fairey Aviation. There he showed great skill in building up a team of mostly young engineers comprising mathematicians, aerodynamicists, structural, and aeroelasticity specialists, together with development engineers and test pilots. Thus equipped, Fairey's was able to cope with a wide range of aircraft project, including the Gannet anti-submarine aircraft for the Fleet, with a later, vital variant, the Airborne Early Warning (AEW) version.

These were the "bread and butter" production aircraft for Fairey at this time. New projects included the Fairey Delta 2, a supersonic delta-wing experimental aircraft which in March 1956 smashed the world's air-speed record by the huge margin of 300mph, reaching 1,132mph over a measured course off the Sussex coast.

Being developed at the same time was the Fairey Rotodyne, a large fast rotary wing aircraft of 33,000lb design weight capable of vertical take-off and landing and aimed at the short haul intercity market. The sole prototype flew several hundred hours, setting a world-speed record of 307kph over the 100km closed circuit in January 1959, a record which stood for many, many years. However, the Rotodyne was cancelled in 1962 on the grounds of budgetary shortage and external noise.

In addition, Fairey developed as a private venture a very small tip jet propelled helicopter, the Ultra-Light, for a communication and observation role for the Royal Navy, and to be operable from small ships. However it was not adopted, the Ministry of Supply sticking by the larger, heavier, Saunders-Roe Wasp, then at the prototype stage.

These Fairey projects, Gannet, FD2, Rotodyne and Ultra-Light were all handled simultaneously by the engineering team at Hayes, in Middlesex, where Lickley was by then managing director. The total strength of the engineering team at the time, including experimental shop, test personnel, typists and administrators, was not more than 1,000 people, an amazingly small number compared with those involved in the European collaborative ventures which followed.

Lickley, and Fairey's, suffered a severe disappointment when their new RAF fighter project was stillborn by the ill-advised policy of Duncan Sandys as Minister for Defence, then Aviation, who opined that "the day of the manned fighter is over" and that guided missiles would reign instead. Fairey had won the competition with a design based on the successful FD2, so the cancellation very adversely affected the company's fortunes and also those of the British aircraft industry. In contrast, the French government and industry seized the opportunity by initiating a design based on FD2 concept which blossomed into the Dassault Mirage, many hundreds of which have been built and sold world-wide.

After Westland purchased the UK interests of Fairey Aviation (and Bristol Helicopters and Saunders Roe) in 1960, Lickley decided his future lay elsewhere. He returned to Hawker Siddeley as a director, where he was much concerned with their VTOL (vertical take-off or landing) ideas, which came to fruition in due course as the Harrier.

The Rolls-Royce collapse in 1971 led to Lickley's being involved, through the National Enterprise Board, as leader of the board's Rolls-Royce Support Staff, where he worked hard to restore that company's aero-engine business to its present successful strong international position.

Bob Lickley was essential a very private person who never talked of any special hobbies; for recreation, he enjoyed golf, at which he was good enough to be an effective industry representative for several years in the annual golf match between the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC) and the RAF. In the office he was pretty demanding of his subordinates and perceived shortcomings through acerbic remarks, which some found rather frightening. However the best response was a robust and well-argued case, which Lickley respected. In debate he was a forceful, logical arguer but one able to accept other points of view without rancour.

He was an active member of various committees of the Aeronautical Research Council (ARC) between 1946 and 1958, and was a committee member and later a member of council of the SBAC. In addition he was President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in 1971 and of the Institution of Production Engineers in 1981 and 1982. He was also an honorary Fellow of the IMechE, a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the Royal Academy of Engineering and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

The Royal Aeronautical Society awarded him its British Gold Medal in 1957 and its Taylor Gold Medal in 1958.

G. S. Hislop

Robert Lang Lickley, aeronautical engineer: born Dundee 19 January 1912; Professor of Aircraft Design, College of Aeronautics, Cranfield 1946-51; managing director, Fairey Aviation 1951-60; managing director, Hawker Siddeley Aviation Ltd 1960-76; CBE 1973; Head, Rolls-Royce Support Staff, National Enterprise Board 1976-79; Kt 1984; married (one son, one daughter); died 7 July 1998.

Victoria Armstrong



VICTORIA ARMSTRONG devoted the latter half of her life to the welfare of six indigenous tribes who dwell in the Nilgiri Hills in southern India.

She joined the Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (Nawa) as an unpaid worker in 1966 and, through her personal endeavours, attracted donations from all over the world to enable the manifold expansion of medical and educational programmes for the tribal communities.

Born in London in 1909, Armstrong was educated in Peckham and Dulwich, and became a schoolteacher in 1930. While pursuing her teaching career with great zeal, she also studied in the evenings and in 1935 gained a BSc in Botany and Zoology at Birkbeck College, London, and a diploma in English literature at King's College London in 1942.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Armstrong was evacuated to Kent, but soon returned to London and, finding the schools closed, opened a class at Eltham for children of mixed ages end abilities, where she taught science, drama and English. The class subsequently became a school, Eltham Girls High School.

In 1945, Armstrong was appointed HM Inspector of Schools and worked in Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Yorkshire, Durham and Northumberland for the next 21 years.

Victoria Armstrong never forgot her first visit to India, in 1960. Dr S. Narasimhan had pioneered tribal development in the Nilgiri Hills and registered Nawa as a secular charity in 1958. He drove her one night to his primitive one-roomed hospital, where she saw the physical plight of the tribal people, caught up in a deadly cycle of poverty, leading to malnutrition, apathy and ill-health. She realised she was in the presence of a great need. At that time, Armstrong was a tourist visiting friends in Kotagiri, but although it took six years for her to save and plan to leave England for India, the idea and inspiration could not be suppressed.

She retired early, aged 56, bent on making a new life in India working for tribal rehabilitation. It was 1966 when she set off to help Narasimhan. She greatly admired his personal qualities and medical skills but Nawa was being run on a shoestring – Armstrong resolved to draw attention world-wide to the impoverished tribes. Money was needed for medicine and for transport to the interior settlements to which the tribes had retreated as their forests were destroyed to raise the profitable tea, coffee and vegetable plantations which now cover much of the area.

Over 32 years, Armstrong battled to revive the health and raise the hopes and ambitions of the tribal people; she worked unstintingly without drawing any salary. She managed to attract sponsors from many lands as well as from India and one of her greatest pleasures was to write personally to the many generous donors whom she regarded as friends.

When Narasimhan died in 1978, the grief-stricken tribal people came to Armstrong, fearing their hospitals would close; that challenge roused her to renewed activity. She cast aside any wistful thoughts of returning to England, and not only saw that the hospitals were resourced, but widened Nawa's activities to include new clinics: more mobile medical visits to remote settlements; nutritional and pre-school care for under-fives; training of tribal girls to run nursery units and of women to become health workers; and greater school attendance through the Christian Children's Fund's sponsorship schemes.

With Armstrong's influence, Nawa initiated innumerable income-generating projects, mainly agricultural, and also managed to obtain some government interest and grant aid.

Living high in the Nilgiri hills, which rise to nearly 8,000 feet above sea level, with monkeys jumping on her roof, was a far cry from Peckham. Working from her bungalow, which doubled as Nawa's headquarters, Victoria Armstrong lived a simple life. Water was filtered and boiled for drinking and heated over an open fire for washing. She had no television, but her bungalow was brimful of books and she enjoyed listening to the BBC World Service on an old wireless.

Until recently, she was still visiting remote tribal settlements with the medical and support staff – travelling in a Jeep loaded with rice, medical supplies and school clothing. These journeys could be hair-raising, particularly after the monsoons, when boulders hurtled down the slopes, or in the jackfruit season, when elephants trampled about.

In her final years Armstrong made unflagging efforts to train people up to carry on Nawa's activities; the team left behind miss her badly.

Angela Croft

Victoria Daisy Armstrong, teacher and schools inspector: born London 3 November 1909; HM Inspector of Schools 1945-66; Honorary Treasurer, Nilgiris Adavasi Welfare Association (Nawa) 1966-98; MBE 1976; died Kotagiri, India 16 May 1998.

Miklos Gabór

IF MIKLOS Gábor had been born in an English-speaking country he would have been an enormous star. But he was born in a small town in Hungary and became the leading actor of his generation, the Hungarian Laurence Olivier. He had good looks, a beautiful speaking voice and a striking intelligence. He was equally at home on the stage and on screen.

He left drama school in 1940 and from 1945 to 1954 was a member of the Hungarian National Theatre. He made his mark as an outstanding young talent and played most of the leading parts in the classical repertory.

In 1954 he joined the Madách Theatre, another distinguished theatre company in Budapest, and the scene of his most memorable performances – his boyish Romeo, his excitingly sensual Lorenzaccio, his romantic Ruy Blas, his devastatingly handsome Don Juan. In drab Communist Hungary the matinée-idol image he enjoyed was an unusual phenomenon. It added to the glamour that he was married at the time to one of the country's most successful actresses, Eva Ruttkai. Later they divorced and he married another well-known actress, Eva Vass, who played Ophelia to his Hamlet.

It was Gábor's Hamlet in 1961 that was considered the definitive reading of the part for a generation of Hungarians. His performance was heavily influenced by Olivier's interpretation of the part, yet Gábor made it very much his own. In his portrayal the isolated, questioning intellectual was the dominant characteristic beside the romantically pure hero.

His later roles included John Tanner, Jaques in *As You Like It*, Richard III, Prospero, Captain Shotover, and Marlowe's Doctor Faustus. This last role probably summed up Gábor's personality – a man with outstanding intellect who is ageless.

To list the films he starred in would fill several columns; the *Hungarian Film Lexicon* lists 54 titles. The outside world possibly noticed him first in the internationally successful *Somewhere In Europe* (1947), where he played the leader of a pack of drop-out orphans, roaming the country after the Second World War. In 1961 he starred opposite Tatiana Samoilova (the distinguished Russian actress) in the co-production *Albe Regia*. The Oscar-winning film director István Szabo chose him to star in his semi-autobiographical film *Father* in 1966. He seemed the most natural choice to play the charismatic father who has a determining influence on his son.

He wrote three books about acting, *Tollal* ("With Pen", 1963), *A színész árnyéka* ("The Actor's Shadow". 1972), *Kos a mérlegen* ("Capricorn on the Balance", 1990), which became an inspiration for a generation and started a trend for books by actors on their craft.

Miklos Gábor was a very private man, in the green room always sitting somewhat apart from the other actors. Still remarkably handsome in his seventies he would sit with a scarf around his neck and hold court.

He adored the British theatre, above all Shakespeare. "The leading player of these writings is Shakespeare, one of the greatest, most permanent, most fertile influences in my life," he wrote. "He showed me most clearly what art can represent in one man's and generally in human life."

Gábor was also considered an expert on George Bernard Shaw's work and, indeed, was admired by Hungarians for what they saw as the qualities of an English gentleman: coolness, elegance, intelligence. The English theatre has lost a leading advocate in Central Europe.

Mia Nadasi



Miklos Gábor, actor, writer and director: born Zalaegerszeg, Hungary 7 April 1919; married first Eva Ruttkai (one daughter; marriage dissolved), secondly Eva Vass; died Budapest 2 July 1998.

Harry McGurk

IN THE 1970s, the psychologist Harry McGurk made an interesting discovery in the course of his research which was to become known as the "McGurk effect".

Well before the days of politicians' exhortations to "read my lips", he found that the brain is able to make compromises between the visual representations of speech and its auditory aspects. The implications of this research are that lips convey important information about speech not just to the deaf, who are forced to rely on visual images, but to "normal" listeners as well. Among a multitude of publications, a key article authored by H. McGurk and J. MacDonald, "Hearing Lips and Seeing Voices", was published in *Nature* in 1976.

McGurk's story is about struggle, against his humble origins in the Gorbals in Glasgow and a childhood marked by severe illness and the loss of his mother in early childhood.

His story is also about historical timing. Having left school at 15 to work as a clerk, followed by a period in social work, opportunities opened up for McGurk with the educational expansion of the 1960s and the rise of the new universities. Aged 28, he took a first degree in Psychology at the new University of Strathclyde. His career then began to follow the conventional pathway of an academic which culminated in promotion to professorial status in 1986, as Professor of Developmental Psychology at London University.

McGurk worked on his PhD research under Rudolph Shaffer and demonstrated that infants aged six months can distinguish visually between different presentations of the same shape. After a period working in a laboratory at Princeton University, he returned to the UK, but this time to England. He remained at Surrey University for the next 20 years.

In 1990, McGurk's career took an unexpected turn when he became Director of the Thomas Coram Research Unit at the Institute of Education at London University. The Thomas Coram Research Unit had been founded by Professor Jack Tizard to create a new kind of environment in which to conduct research which would inform not only the academic world but also feed into and shape the concerns of policy makers and practitioners. While McGurk had little experience of the policy world, his ambition and sense of adventure served him well in this role. He directed an important programme of research on the quality of Britain's still impoverished system of child care. However, his career took a further new turn before this work was completed.



Inspired by his many international involvements, McGurk made the bold decision to start a new life, both personally and professionally, in Australia. From 1994 until his death, he was Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, a high-profile policy research centre with a close relationship to the Australian government.

Among McGurk's many involvements on the international academic stage, his long service in the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development is the most notable. Over many years, he held all its formal positions, including editorship of its journal (1984-90) and the presidency of the society, to which he was elected in 1996.

Harry McGurk will be remembered for his energy and enterprise, a shrewd Scot who had a sense of adventure which gave him rather more youth than he could claim. Despite his desire for action, none the less he had a strong sense of commitment to the past, to his long-held socialist values and to his Scottish origins, to which he had hoped to return in retirement.

He was immensely proud that his daughter had taken up the baton of psychology and, unlike many children today, is continuing the parental line.

Julia Brannen

Harry McGurk, psychologist: born Glasgow 23 February 1936; Director, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, London University 1990-94; Director, Australian Institute of Family Studies 1994-98; married (one daughter); died 17 April 1998.

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Professor Rachel Rosser

RACHEL ROSSER was a pioneer in research and the clinical practice of psychiatry in several fields. This was not as widely acclaimed within the profession as it might have been, possibly because of her unusual wit and intelligence, which she too often turned on herself and others.

It wasn't known that she herself had to deal with depression and its consequences, which recurred throughout her career but did not inhibit her tremendous accomplishment as clinical scientist, teacher, clinician and mother. She concealed these problems because she felt threatened by doubts about confidentiality and possible effects on her career, a problem for many doctors and professionals.

Rachel Rosser started life in Coventry during the Blitz and grew up in great poverty. Her talents took her to King's High School, Warwick, where she was consistently top of her class, then to Newnham College, Cambridge, as a scholar. She qualified as a doctor at St Thomas' Hospital Medical School in London. As a teenager she suffered from untreated anorexia. In her early clinical years she became depressed and developed a reaction to anti-psychotic medication. She was told she would never become a qualified doctor.

It was then that she renewed her friendship with and married Vincent Watts, a friend from Cambridge. They moved to Birmingham, where they struggled financially and began independent but very successful careers. Her research career really began with a Health Service Evaluation proposal in the late 1960s with John (now Lord) Butterfield at Guy's Hospital.

Rosser combined unrivalled skills as a clinician, research scientist and teacher. Always destined to be a psychiatrist, she first became a member of the Royal College of Physicians and acquired a wide range of experience before entering psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital in London in 1971.

She took a broad-based approach to psychiatry, including psychotherapy and a personal analysis, as well as gaining a deep understanding of the pharmacology of drug-based approaches. She found her natural home in liaison psychiatry (assessing people with physical illness who develop psychiatric problems or working with the patient and staff group, i.e. the renal or diabetic team, for a more therapeutic effect on the patient) where she was able to help many patients with otherwise untreatable conditions.

She set up and ran a complete liaison service for Charing Cross Hospital and subsequently, at the Middlesex Hospital, where she became Britain's first woman professor in general psychiatry from 1984. There she created and ran an in-patient psychosomatic ward within which she established an academic medical anthropology unit.

At Charing Cross she took charge of the teaching of psychiatry to medical students and ran the postgraduate training. In spite of her tough-mindedness, her teaching was highly appreciated. As Head of the Department of Psychiatry at UCL from 1984 she had to respond to the aftermath of the fire at King's Cross station in 1987. She co-founded a stress clinic, which counselled on the emotional consequences for survivors and witnesses to this, the *Marchioness* Thames river boat disaster, the Lockerbie air disaster and other traumatic events. Her work with these patients and her many television appearances established post

Her recurring depression did not inhibit her tremendous accomplishment as clinical scientist, teacher, clinician and mother



Rosser with her husband, Vincent Watts, Vice-Chancellor of the University of East Anglia *Alban Donohoe Picture Agency*

traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a widely recognised condition.

The scope of the clinic later broadened to encompass cumulative strain and critical events affecting individuals. This involved collaboration with religious leaders and lawyers, and participating with social services, emergency services and voluntary organisations in a steering committee. At its peak, more than 1,000 victims were on the register. The clinic continues.

As a research scientist much of her work derived from her varied clinical practice. Her rigorous approach led her to study scientifically the efficacy of different treatment approaches for victims of disaster. She was constantly called upon as one of the UK experts in the field.

Her study of the effectiveness of psychotherapy in improving the lives and functions of patients with chronic lung disease was one of the first to demonstrate that scientific method could be successfully applied to this difficult field and show a positive result. Her widely questioning mind took her into the social context of medicine and she was a pioneer of Health Services Research.

One of her seminal papers, written with her husband in 1970 and cited many thousands of times, was on the foundations of Quality of Life Assessment. In later years she was prophetic in seeing that Quality of Life measurements might be used to ration rather than expand the Health Services. In 1988, with Stuart Walker, she co-authored *Quality of Life: assessment and application*. Her work on disasters and PTSD led to numerous scientific papers and those addressed to a wider audience were written in simple but powerful language.

Last year her Mental Health Officer status allowed her to retire as Emeritus Professor at the age of 55, to pursue her new focus. She had learnt that many PTSD sufferers, once depression had been relieved, found it difficult to establish any meaning in their lives. She took the post of Director of the Churches Council of Health and Healing in the belief that spiritual links had much to offer to relieve suffering. Recently she had resigned because she found the Council unwilling to consider involving other faiths and too little interested in research.

She was at an advanced stage of planning and funding a research unit in Norwich to explore the ideas of multi-faith health and healing when an accident at home caused her untimely death, ironically at a time she wasn't depressed.

Steven Hirsch

Rachel Mary Rosser, psychiatrist: born 9 October 1941; Senior Lecturer, Charing Cross Hospital 1976-82, Reader 1983-84; Professor of Psychiatry, University College London Medical School 1984-97 (Emeritus), Head of Department 1984-93; married 1967 Vincent Watts (one son, one daughter); died Hethersett, Norfolk 10 July 1998.

HISTORICAL NOTES
ALEX DANCHEV

The next best thing to Clausewitz

LIDDELL HART, Captain Sir Basil Henry (1895-1970), British military historian, critic, journalist, propagandist, controversialist, archivist, adviser, exemplar, and thrower of stones, was not the Clausewitz of the 20th century, as he and others were wont to claim; but he was, perhaps, the next best thing. A war poet in prose – his inter-war writing carried a comparable charge – he wrote no great book, no timeless synthesis, finished or unfinished. *Thoughts on War* (1944) is the skeleton of such a work. *The Revolution in Warfare* (1946) the sketch, *Strategy: the indirect approach* (fourth revised and enlarged edition, 1967) the simulacrum. His output is staggering – dozens of books, hundreds of articles.



Liddell Hart: a war poet in prose

He described himself as "border", meaning something more than geography, and always felt a certain distance from the social and intellectual heartland of England, a distance he worked uncommonly hard to close. Born in Paris, where his father was minister of the Methodist Church, he had a conventional upbringing, peripatetic on the Methodist circuit. His school career was undistinguished – he rose laboriously through the Pauline ranks more by the passage of time in each form than by any sign of intellectual distinction. His university career was, if anything, even more undistinguished. In the examinations at the end of his first year he recorded a dismal Third.

On the outbreak of war Liddell Hart was one of the many young men unconscionably eager for action. He went to this war three times, a persistence of which he was achingly aware. These were short stints, abruptly curtailed by injury. In 1924 he was officially 50 per cent disabled from gas poisoning and was relegated to half-pay. He left the Army, sorrowfully, three years later, bearing his famous, galling rank.

Henceforth, he lived by his pen, and he lived well. He was first a sports correspondent, producing in short order four different accounts of the same match for four different outlets, and an early *succès d'estime, Lawn Tennis Masters Unveiled* (1926), an intriguing anticipation of *Great Captains Unveiled* (1927). He was also a leading authority on fashion – women's fashion – in particular tight-lacing.

Liddell Hart had a sophisticated appreciation of *l'artillerie de nuit*. He was adept at literary cross-dressing. He wrote strategic accounts of lawn tennis, fashion-conscious accounts of strategy, and games-playing accounts of war. Like all great artists, his best ideas were other people's, made matchlessly his own. His theses seem to live, stubbornly, no matter how often their tails are salted. The salting itself has immensely enriched military discourse. His biggest idea, the "indirect approach", was first coined in 1927; used as a vade-mecum by various statespersons, numberless strategists, and the militarily curious of many lands. It continues to live an active and inspirational life to this day, not least in "the *manoeuvrist* approach" of official British defence doctrine.

The dissection and exhibition of Liddell Hart's work is now almost epidemic. A negative wave of exegesis is followed by a positive one. This is entirely in keeping. As the Germans noted in 1936, "like Zeus's sunlight and rain he bestows . . . praise and blame on the leaders of the armoured formations". Praise and blame was his currency.

His influence was and is enormous. There is hardly a military writer of repute in the Western world who was not touched in some way by this prodigal, indomitable lighthouse of a man. He survives still, as a climate of ideas. Liddell Hart is the Bertrand Russell of his field; he is all-pervasive.

Alex Danchev is the author of 'Liddell Hart: alchemist of war' to be published by Weidenfeld in September, £25

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Deaths: Robert Burns, poet, 1796; Daniel Lambert, fat man who weighed 739 pounds at his death, 1809; Colvin Smith, portrait painter, 1875; Karl von Piloty, historical painter, 1886; Dame Ellen Alicia Terry, actress, 1928; Louis-Hubert Gonzalve Lyautey, Marshal of France and statesman, 1934; Owen Wister, novelist, 1938; Kenneth Lewis Roberts, novelist, 1957; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, 1962; Philip St John Basil Rathbone, actor, 1967; Albert John Luthuli, president of the African National Congress, 1967.

On this day: the Marquesas Islands were discovered by Alvara Mendana, 1595; the Society of Jesus was dissolved by Pope Clement XIV, 1773; Napoleon defeated the Mamelukes in Egypt in the Battle of the Pyramids, 1798; George Christian Frederick Leopold of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha was proclaimed King Leopold I of the Belgians after the country became a separate kingdom, 1831; the Confederates were victorious in the first Battle of Bull Run, 1861; the first train robbery in the American West was committed by the James-Younger Gang at Adair, Iowa, 1873; Battersea Bridge, London, opened, 1890; the Tate Gallery, presented to the nation by Sir Henry Tate, was opened, 1897; the Imperial Economic Conference began in Ottawa, 1932; Guam, in the Pacific, was re-occupied by the US, 1944; in the US, the first nuclear merchant ship, the NS *Savannah* was launched, 1959; Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike became prime minister of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) – the world's first woman prime minister, 1960; Runcorn Bridge across the Mersey opened, 1961; Commander Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the Moon, 1969; France exploded a nuclear device at Maruroa Atoll in the Pacific, 1973; the British ambassador to the Irish Republic was killed by a landmine, 1976; the first London performance of the musical show *Follies* was staged, 1987.

Today is Independence Day in Belgium and the Feast Day of St Arbogastes, St Laurence of Brindisi, St Praxedes, St Victor of Marseilles.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been announced by the Church of England:

The Rev Duncan Barnes, Curate, Horncharch St Andrew (Chelmsford): to be vicar, Donington, and Bicker (Lincoln).
The Rev Terry Challis, Vicar, Astley Bridge St Paul (Manchester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Leigh St Mary the Virgin (same diocese).
The Rev Jean Hall, Assistant Chaplain, Canterbury and Thanet Community Healthcare Trust (Canterbury): to be Priest-in-Charge, Brompton Regis, Upton and Skilgate (Bath and Wells).
Canon Jeremy Haselock, Vicar, Boxgrove (Chichester): to be Residentiary Canon of Norwich Cathedral (Norwich).
The Rev Jim Hill, formerly of the Omega Order, Winford (Bristol): to be Curate (known as Senior Assistant Priest), Somerton with Compton Dundon, the Charltons and Kingston (Bath and Wells).
The Rev Ian Hubbard, Vicar, Winscombe (Bath and Wells): to be Team Rector, Yatton Moor (same diocese).
The Rev Tony Humphries, Curate, Retford St Saviour (Southwell): to be Team Vicar, Grantham with special responsibility for Spittalgate St John the Evangelist (Lincoln).
Canon Michael Insley, Priest-in-Charge, Stonegate (Chichester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Horsmonden, and also Diocesan Rural Officer (Rochester).
The Rev Penelope Jones, Priest-in-Charge, Stanhope with Frosterley, and Eastgate with Ecokhope, and Adviser for Women's Ministry (Durham): to be also Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral (same diocese).
The Rev Susan Kiddle, LNSM (Assistant Curate), Waddington St Michael (Lincoln): to be LNSM (Assistant Curate), Bricebridge All Saints (same diocese).
The Rev Kenneth Macnab, Librarian, Pusey House, Oxford (Oxford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Tunbridge Wells St Barnabas (Rochester).
The Rev Michael Norman, Team Vicar, Uphill (Bath and Wells): to be Rector, Bath St Saviour with Swainswick and Woolley (same diocese).
The Rev David Pettifor, Vicar, Finham St Martin in the Fields (Coventry): to be Team Vicar, Coventry Caludon with special responsibility for the Holy Cross (same diocese).
The Rev Christine Pollard, Curate, Nuneaton St Nicholas (Coventry): to be Priest-in-Charge, Bourton with Frankton and Stretton on Dunsmore with Princethorpe (same diocese).
The Rev Malcolm Raby, Team Vicar, Ely with special responsibility for Stretham and Little Thetford (Ely): to be Priest-in-Charge, Over St Mary, and Adviser in Mission and Evangelism (same diocese).
Prebendary John Ruffle, Priest-in-Charge, Chew Stoke with Nempnett Thrubwell (Bath and Wells): to be also Bishop's Adviser in Pastoral Care and Counselling for Clergy and their Families (same diocese).
The Rev Brian Smith, Vicar, Keswick St John (Carlisle): to be also Rural Dean of Derwent (same diocese).
The Rev Michael Stewart, Priest-in-Charge, North Wembley St Cuthbert (London): to be Vicar, same benefice.
The Rev Frank Sudworth, Chaplain, HMP Liverpool: to be Priest-in-Charge, Low Moor Holy Trinity (Bradford).
The Rev Andrew Thomas, Team Rector, Beccles (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Worlingham with Barnby and North Cove (same diocese).
The Ven David Turnbull, Archdeacon of Carlisle (Carlisle): to be Priest-in-Charge, Wetheral with Warwick (same diocese).
The Rev Robert Ward, Chaplain, RAF Cranwell: to be Team Vicar, Blakenall Heath (Lichfield).

APPOINTMENTS

Mr David Lyscom, to be ambassador to the Slovak Republic.
Judge Leo Charles, to be a senior circuit judge at Snaresbrook Crown Court.
Mr William Ehrman, to be ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
Mrs Patricia Ann Deeley, to be a circuit judge, on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

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Discrimination could be on ground of sex

TUESDAY LAW REPORT
21 JULY 1998

Smith v Gardner Merchant
Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Ward and Sir Christopher Slade) 14 July 1998

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST a homosexual man based upon his homosexuality might also be discrimination against him as a man, and might therefore be discrimination on ground of sex rather than of sexual orientation.

The Court of Appeal allowed the appeal of Paul Smith against a finding of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, upholding the decision of an industrial tribunal that it did not have jurisdiction to hear his claim under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

The applicant, a homosexual, was employed as a barman. After complaints about his conduct by a fellow employee, Ms Touhy, he was suspended from work and was subsequently dismissed.

The applicant alleged that Ms Touhy's complaints were that he had been abusive and threatening towards her, that he had flirted with male customers, and that he had insisted on talking in detail about his love life. He said that she had constantly asked personal questions regarding his sexuality and had made offensive remarks.

The applicant complained to an industrial tribunal that he had been subjected to unlawful discrimination contrary to the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 because Ms Touhy's allegations would not have been made against a homosexual woman; because of the employer's conduct of the disciplinary process; and because of the decision to dismiss him rather than Ms Touhy.

The industrial tribunal concluded, on a preliminary issue, that the applicant's claim of discrimination on grounds of his sexual orientation was not within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the 1975 Act. The Employment Appeal Tribunal, upheld that decision.

The applicant appealed to the Court of Appeal on the grounds that for the purposes of the application of section 5(3) of the Act the "relevant circumstances" should be construed as excluding sexual matters in respect of which the discrimination occurred; and, in the alternative, that the tribunal should have held that the relevant comparator to the applicant was a heterosexual woman.

Laura Cox QC and Thomas Kibling (Judge & Priestley, Bromley) for the applicant; Anthony Korn (Dibb Lupton Alsop) for the employer.

Lord Justice Ward said that, shortly before the hearing of the appeal, the judgment of the European Court of Justice in *Grant v South West Trains Ltd* [Case C-249/96] had been handed down, and, in the light of that judgment, the applicant had abandoned grounds of appeal which claimed that the word "sex" in section 1(1) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 meant not only gender but also sexual orientation.

The industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal had asked the wrong question by focusing on the applicant's homosexuality, i.e. whether he had been discriminated against because he was a man (sex) or because he was a homosexual (sexual orientation). That precluded consideration of a vital question, namely whether or not discrimination against the applicant based upon his homosexuality might not also be discrimination against him as a man.

The correct question framed in terms of section 1(1)(a) of the 1975 Act was whether the applicant, a man, had been less favourably treated than his employers treated or would have treated a woman. It was therefore necessary to decide who the appropriate comparator was.

The applicant had complained that Ms Touhy's allegations would not have been made against a homosexual woman. It was his homosexuality as such which was the distinguishing feature, and thus the "relevant circumstance" of his case for the purposes of section 5(3) of the Act, and accordingly for that part of the case the comparator was a homosexual woman.

The second part of the applicant's claim was that his employer had discriminated against him in choosing to believe Ms Touhy rather than him. The comparator was thus Ms Touhy herself, and no hypothetical comparator was needed.

The appeal would be allowed and the matter would be remitted to the industrial tribunal.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

WORDS
WILLIAM HARTSTON

bamboozle, *v or n.*

"certain words invented by some pretty fellows" which he included in an article "on the continual Corruption of our English Tongue".

Yet *bamboozle* surely enhances the language rather than corrupts it. The sound of the word captures perfectly the ingenious deviousness of its meaning. By 1728, the abbreviation "bam" had appeared to mean hoax. But a *bam* without its *boozle* somehow lacks the charm of the original.

HOW APPROPRIATE that our dictionary compilers are *bamboozled* by the origins of this word. The *OED* says "the statement that it is a gipsy word wants proof" and concludes that it is "prob. of cant origin". *Chambers* just says "origin unknown". Jonathan Swift, writing in the *Tatler* in 1710 included *bamboozle* among

REAL BRITANNIA

What does it mean to be British? PART TWO



VOX BRITANNIA

How British are you?

Gwynfor Davies, 44, IT consultant, Cardiff
How it feels to be British depends on what's really meant by the term British. It could be one of three things: Ancient British, who are the Welsh; the modern British, which to me means the English; or the people living in Britain, wherever they were born and whoever they may be.

Politicians speak about one-nation conservatism. What they really mean is an English Britain, and this leaves no room for the Welsh and the Scots or their culture. In terms of culture and values, I don't consider myself British in the modern sense at all. I consider myself to be Welsh and then European.

Amy Frazer, 22, barmaid, Peebles
My father is English, my mother is Scottish, but she was brought up in England, and I was born in Scotland and have lived here all my life, so I am a bit of a mixture. A lot of the time I don't feel British. Politically, I think it is fairly embarrassing to be British, really. Britain has done some really terrible things. All this stuff recently with the arms deals for instance, and our colonial past isn't anything to be proud of at all. I think it is embarrassing and disgraceful, the way we support dodgy regimes.

I don't feel British, but I don't feel that your nationality is important. If I'm asked on a form what my nationality is I put down Scottish. Where I was born doesn't effect me. I don't feel part of it, I don't feel any patriotism at all, either for Scotland or Britain.

In terms of devolution, I do think Scotland would be better after it than before. I think the whole situation has to change. But I like living in Scotland. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else in Britain. I'd hate to live in England.

Sir Carol Mather, 79, retired Conservative MP and Second World War veteran, Gloucestershire
One could write an essay on what it means to be British. Up until the end of the war the British Empire still existed. It was the mother country, and the British Empire was there to preserve the whole of the Empire, so national pride was different then.

Being an island surrounded by sea, and not part of a continent, defined our identity. In the past, we were much more definable as a nation than France or Germany.

Until recently, we have always had a foreign enemy. The Cold War, the Falklands War (right) and the Gulf War made us all feel like we were bound to the same objective. These situations brought problems, but they kept everyone together.



I am not in favour of harmonising this country with Europe. We have different food, standards, and culture which have helped to keep us separate. However, Britain has changed enormously.

When I was 18, I was at Cambridge University, and when I was 20, war broke out. There was a great excitement as we were only too keen to go off to the war. It was more excitement than patriotism. I came back in 1943 and Britain was a very bleak and grim scene in those days.

American culture is swamping British culture, because US culture is very easy to export. People always say the country has gone to the dogs, but the older generations always say that. I find the whole pop movement utterly strange.

Interviews by Cayte Williams



Watch with mothership



CULTURAL BRITANNIA

Michael Bracewell revels in cartoon Britain

Set in a grey delta of motorway slip-roads, on the suburban limits of Prestwich, north Manchester, my local Tesco hypermarket is open for 24 hours a day from Monday to Friday. This particular branch of Tesco gives the impression of having been built entirely out of glass and, after dark, when the store is illuminated by white light, any passing motorist could be forgiven for thinking that the aliens had landed and were setting up a new line in bagged salad and Premium theme snacks. With this thought in mind, I have christened my Tesco "the Mothership" – a benign communal centre, supplying the residents of its catchment area with not only recycled loo rolls and tins of dog food, but a seductive range of adult treats which are the perfect accompaniment to watching 24-hour TV. As an efficient symbol of New Britain, and a pretty good example of unintentional installation art, "the Mothership" rules. But 24-hour TV, like Premium theme snacks, begins with the pleasurable wickedness of a feast and ends with the headache of gluttony.

To this end, I prefer to plan my consumption of TV around a few known favourites, stubbornly ignoring the exhortations of the TV critics. In my case, the best television is imported television – most notably the new wave of adult cartoons which has reached the status of fine art with *South Park*, lately arrived on Channel 4 from Sky One. There is a direct link, I feel, between supermarkets and television – the esperanto of consumerism – and all my favourite TV shows tend to exploit this connection with an insight and an irreverence which could never be wholly British. TV is the global supermarket.

And so, armed with asparagus soup, "home-style" potato salad and a bag of cheese'n'chive Kettle Chips from the Mothership, my big TV night is Friday night, when the cutting edge of foreign television undergoes a strange translation as it hits British screens. With the glorious and barely mentionable inclusions of *Italian Stripping Housewives* – the dubbed English voices on which create a sordid comedy of manners worthy of Mike Leigh – what swiftly becomes apparent is that imported television has developed a sly ability to perform an unofficial commentary on contemporary Britishness.

I can zap from *Italian Stripping Housewives* to a video of a re-run of *Beavis and Butthead*, thus filling the gap until *King of the Hill* without accelerating my pulse. The other night, in the video of them watching music videos that I was watching (which must tie in with post-modern theory somewhere) they had Britain in their sights. The sniggering duo were sitting on their ripped sofa as usual, watching a video by some British group. "Aren't these dudes from that country where everything sucks?" remarked Beavis.

Similarly, in the adult cartoon *South Park*, the children of South Park Elementary would sooner sit next to the red-eyed son of Satan than the British kid, Pip – "Because you're British, asswipe". Pip, dressed in the cap and jacket of the boy hero of *Great Expectations*, accepts all abuse with a generous good-humour which somehow makes him even more pathetic. But anti-British feeling does not run that high in the mind-set of *South Park*: in a later episode, when Barbra Streisand is morphed into a rampaging Godzilla, trampling the town under its fire-breathing bulk, it is Robert Smith of British punk group The Cure who is summoned to throw her into outer-space.

"*Disintegration* is the best album ever!" cheer the kids as they wave goodbye to their saviour.

Channel-surfing, I find myself watching *Men Behaving Badly*. The manifesto of Laddism Nouveau, this programme tapped into that trend for male infantilism which is nostalgic for the pop-cultural landscape of its adolescence. Clunes and his sidekick have been scripted into a world where men want their girlfriends, worryingly, to be scolding mother figures with whom they can have sex if they behave themselves – like naughty boys receiving a treat. And it is this notion of grown men as naughty boys which has underpinned the marketing of Britishness as a nation of beer and football, where any form of adversarial culture must conform to the Cult Of The Lad, hence the success of Chris Evans as a modern icon. Around two o'clock in the morning, I find myself more receptive to the adverts on television than the programmes, which in the face of early morning programming is hardly surprising. By this time I am receiving information from the telly as though by osmosis: the words and images are simply seeping into my consciousness and meeting with little or no critical resistance. I found myself watching the latest television advert for Mercury One To One cellular telephones. Absorbing the product as though it was a relaxation tape, I was suddenly pulled up short by the way in which Vic Reeves was having a "One To One" with the great British comedian Terry-Thomas, in scenes from the 1960 classic film *School For Scoundrels*. Reeves interacts with Thomas in a scene which played up the trademark "Englishness" of the latter to a point beyond caricature. It began to occur to me that "Englishness", as a contemporary concept, is now terminally stylised in order to be rehabilitated from any suspicion of either nationalism or anti-multiculturalism.

This idea was compounded a few minutes later, by the latest television advert for Rover cars – which also played on the concept of Britishness. In this advert, suppositions of Britishness had been visually punned into a new, fashionably acceptable version. To an immaculate early-Seventies soundtrack, sourced from vintage Roxy Music, the Rover commercial "remakes and re-models" (to borrow the title of another early Roxy Music number) a British landscape in which the Edinburgh Tattoo becomes the tattooed arm of a young woman at a rave, and a kid munching fast-food on a skateboard becomes an arch reference to Meals On Wheels.

The following day, a piece from the *Manchester Evening News* made its way into some of the national papers. A 12-year-old girl from a Manchester estate had got pregnant by her 13-year-old boyfriend, because they had got bored with watching the TV coverage of Princess Diana's funeral and decided to have sex instead. Sobering and sad, this item was precisely the sort of story which lent itself to the current British search for what could be called the New Authenticity. Perhaps this quest for Authenticity – a new word for Realism – is the cultural response to too much irony. It would seem to tie in with the post-Prozac trend for confessional columns in the broadsheet newspapers, and the popularity, since the huge success of Irvine Welsh's novel *Trainspotting*, of fables of contemporary Britishness in which dysfunctional behaviour is seen as possessing the glamour of street credibility.

Driving through the industrial suburbs of north Manchester, I recalled that the eventual destination of the famous orange and white graphics used to advertise the film of *Trainspotting* had subsequently been used to advertise a winter sale at French Connection. Thus, a novel about drug addiction and despair could be somehow commodified to sell expensive knitwear. The New Authenticity, in many ways, shows a view of New Britain which is just as constructed and stylised as the post-modern romp through Britishness of the Rover Cars commercial.

Arriving in Leeds, I was trying to find a parking space in a city which used to be defined by Alan Bennett, and is now defined by Harvey Nichols. Leeds is now known as "the Milan of the North", with its restored Victorian arcade and an appearance of well-scrubbed mercantile prosperity. The monumental facade of Leeds City Art Gallery, which is annexed to the Henry Moore Institute, is poised on the rim of the shallow incline which steepens the streets of the city centre. My destination, in the shadow of this imposing gallery, was a tree.

To be more precise, my destination was a particular tree, which might or might not be worth the price of a major artwork. As part of the current Artranspennine 98 exhibition, which is using the breadth of northern England from Liverpool to Hull as a venue for an international selection of contemporary art, there is a work by the late Joseph Beuys, situated in the Victoria Gardens beside the Henry Moore Institute. This work is the tree which I had decided to visit, planted beside a basalt marker and part of a work which Beuys initiated in 1982 at flocumenta 8, called *7,000 Oaks*.

It occurred to me that, while I was watching the previous night's television, I experienced a distinct feeling of relief whenever they showed one of those brightly-coloured adverts which announced, "It does exactly what it says on the tin!". I consulted the note in my exhibition guide: "The combination of a living, growing tree with the immutable presence of stone is one individual's response to the vulnerability of nature in the face of destructive progress."

I looked at the young oak tree and felt that faint twinge of personal inadequacy that we can feel in the presence of something that might be rather spiritual. Beuys's tree is a direct political message to the world. In some ways, it is a hard sell. It does exactly what it says on the tin.

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Can U spell OK?



ABSOLUTELY BRITANNIA

Spelling. By Tim Dowling

FOR AN American like myself, learning to spell the British way was a lot like learning to drive the British way. At first you believe it will require no more than a permanent shift in your thinking; then you realise that it requires you to do things you know to be wrong; finally you realise that to some extent it can't be done. You can start learning British spelling, but you can never finish.

I'm not someone who believes that good spelling is unimportant, nor do I believe that modern American spelling is inherently superior to the British. American spellings are meant to be more economical and sensible, but the 19th-century American spelling reform movement that brought us innovations like "dialog" and "program" never actually got much farther than, well, dialog and program. I will not pretend that I was wholly unfamiliar with British spellings. In the States we often use them in crossword puzzles when the American spelling doesn't fit, so that "form of payment, to a Londoner" is "cheque" and "gold measure for Anglophiles" is "carat" not "karat". I'm also not going to maintain that my difficulty with British spelling has hampered my ability to communicate, although the first time I read instil I was like, helloooo ...

The instil problem is just the tip of the iceberg. In Britain you do instil but then you do install, but then you make it instalment, even though you do installation. Whatever.

Forget the instil group. What about the -our bunch? We Americans have always known that you British like to render labor as labour, and I quickly picked up that the same went for harbour, honour, rumour, vigour, rigour, neighbour and flavour. In fact I took a perverse pleasure in writing these olde worlde spellings. But how was I was supposed to know there wasn't also majour and minour? Or that while it was honour and honourable, it wasn't honourary, humourous, or vigourous and rigourous? British spelling began to seem like an exclusive club intent on black-balling me.

Along with this -our mess, you have the -ise/ize puzzles and the -re/er enigma. Then there's what I call the body/disease surplus vowel. In Britain, common diseases like diarrhea, hemorrhoids and septicemia, along with bodily parts like the esophagus are spelled by throwing in an unnecessary extra a or o, as if they weren't hard enough to spell in the first place. There doesn't seem to be any rule regarding which words are awarded this affectation, so I have to look up any word that might possibly qualify. Of course with words like oedema and oesophagus, I'm not even looking in the right part of the dictionary.

When two or more of these oddities are gathered together, you get a word like manoeuvre, which, pardon my French, is French. Where I come from, boys getz beaten up for spelling that way. And while we're here, let's talk about gaol. Of course I had come across this word before in English novels, and although I gathered from the context that it was a synonym for "prison", it never occurred to me that it was pronounced "jail". What sort of Britain do you want, a crusty old nation of ye olde tyre remould centres, ful of people making cuppes of taca and doing the hoeuvring? Or the shiny Nu Labor Brittan of 2-morrow?

I suppose we should be surprised that the British and American spelling is so similar, considering that they diverged at a time when the number of e's in me depended on how you felt when you got up. Actually, I have grown quite fond of British spelling, with its odd combination of formality and silliness, rigidity and licence ("driver's certificate", according to Professor Higgins). One thing, however, has always puzzled me. What's with the two g's in waggon?

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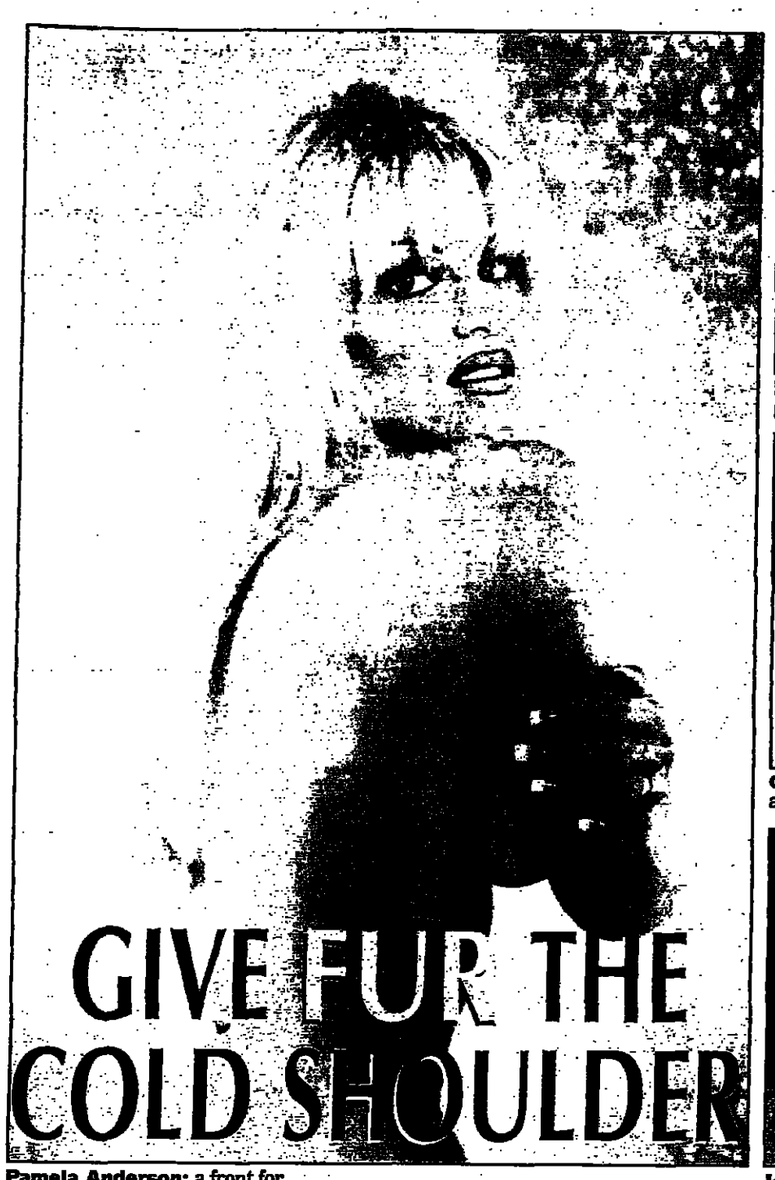
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Who needs a cause celeb?

No fundraising campaign is complete without a celebrity figure to front it. But how do you match the face to the charity without risking a brush with notoriety?

By Lesley Downer



Pamela Anderson: a front for animal rights campaign PETA



David Ginola: trans-generation appeal



Naomi Campbell: good skin for anti-fur cause



Queen Noor: glamour and royalty



Nigel Havers: appeals to the older woman



John Inverdale: hobby horse for kids' charity



Caryn Franklin: makes fundraising fashionable

PRINCESS DIANA'S favourite charity, the Red Cross landmines campaign, has found a new figurehead at last: the superstar footballer and heartthrob, David Ginola. He has committed himself to work for the charity for one week a year for the next couple of years, which will enable the Red Cross to shift the emphasis of the campaign on to the rehabilitation of landmine victims, with football as a form of therapy.

John Rendall, social editor of *HELLO!* magazine and high society insider, says Ginola is an astute choice. "To go for a man was very sensible, because there can be no comparison. If it was a beautiful woman, we would ask, 'Is she as well-dressed as the Princess? Is she as well-informed as the Princess? Is she as compassionate as the Princess?' The answer would have to be 'No'. But here we have a superstar with a following across the generations. And he has a girlfriend; there's no scandal surrounding him."

Charities have certainly changed since the old days of coffee mornings at the Women's Institute, attended occasionally, by avuncular celebrities such as Bob Monkhouse. Bob Geldof began the transformation in the mid-eighties with LiveAid, making charity work something which hip young people might want to do. Then Princess Diana made it glamourous. Now, every charity has its roster of celebrities; and celebrities are eager to be seen to be doing their bit. Caring is in fashion. Nevertheless, the many charities Diana supported are beginning to feel the impact of her loss on their finances.

Queen Noor of Jordan has, in a way, taken on Diana's mantle as the royal figure most closely associated with the landmines campaign. At a conference last weekend in Amman, she agreed to become the patron of the Landmines Survivors' Network, which works in partnership with the Nobel Prize-winning International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL).

"This particular cause for me is a new aspect of a long-term struggle against war and military priorities in the Middle East," she says. "Probably half the landmines in the world are there." She has doubts about the current trend of linking celebrities with causes. "It's still felt by many organisations that if they don t have a visible champion, they can't generate as much in income," she says. "I would hope that all these organisations could in future not depend on personality for success. I would have thought the issue itself is so compelling that you wouldn't need a celebrity; but it's still clear that there is a need to have a visible face."

Nowadays, charities are competing for limited funds and compassion, and celebrities are the most potent weapon in their armoury. The skill is to match the celebrity with the campaign and the charity.

Hilda Kalap, of the British Red Cross, says: "There has to be a way to reach an audience that hasn't been reached before. We're having to be much more creative. The media is led by celebrities and celebrities' lives, and we have to adapt to that."

Charities need celebrities but do celebrities need charities? Actor Nigel Havers, who works for the Red Cross and other charities, says: "Charities use us because people recognise us, otherwise how else do they get their charity mentioned?" When on tour, says Havers, he is continually being called upon by the Red Cross to appear at charity shops and speak at Women's Institute lunches. "I don' t mind being used in that way."

Caryn Franklin, until recently presenter of the *Clothes Show*, has supported Oxfam for 12 years – "as long as I've been on telly" – and worked on the Clothes Code Campaign, highlighting the terrible working conditions and pitiful wages of women textile workers in the Third World. "If I thought life was just about reporting on hemlines, I would go nuts," she says. "At the end of the day, it's women who buy into the fashion industry. Designers are where they are because of women. It's right that the fashion industry should put something back."

Along with designer Amanda Wakeley, she was approached to launch the Fashion Targets Breast Cancer campaign two years ago. "I knew I could get the fashion industry on board. I interviewed everyone from Kate Moss to John Galliano and they all said 'Yes'. It just swept the country. The first campaign was a multi-award winner. We had shops waiving a mark-up on the charity T-shirts; that's quite unheard of."

Fashions in charities come and go. If you can attract a celebrity with the visibility of Princess Diana, your charity is guaranteed to generate enormous interest. Tibet, Richard Gere's favoured cause, has received huge amounts of publicity because of its high-profile supporters.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has recruited supporters within the fashion industry and is famous for its aggressive advertising campaigns. The "I'd rather go naked than wear fur" adverts featured supermodels in the buff, among them Naomi Campbell, who later appeared in furs, and drew a storm of criticism. Andrew Butler, PETA UK representative, says: "You can't wear your heart on your sleeve and make a public statement like Naomi did, then sell yourself out like that."

PETA was one of the first organisations to use celebrities. "We've become part of popular culture," says Butler. "We're trying to change the culture of fashion. The vast majority of designers wouldn't dream of using fur."

PETA's supporters are not restricted to the fashion industry. Pamela Anderson has appeared on talk shows across the United States to promote the "Turn your back on fur" campaign which she spearheads. Linda McCartney was PETA's first patron, while Kim Basinger is their most dedicated celebrity supporter, representing PETA in the media and intervening directly to stop experiments on animals. Singer Chrissie Hynde hosted a Love-All party with Martina Navaratilova at the Hard Rock Café on behalf of PETA.

Richard White, of NCH Action For Children, says: "We keep lists of celebrities by hobby. John Inverdale is hosting a corporate hospitality day at Ascot. We looked at his records and discovered that he is part-owner of a racehorse."

Julia Watson, who plays Dr Baz Hayes in *Casualty*, has been a keen supporter of National Children's Homes since they contacted her four years ago. "It's the feeling of giving something back," she says. "One does so little. It's very difficult living in London not to be aware of people sleeping on the street. I feel we lead a very affluent lifestyle here; so whatever one can do. Doing it as a celebrity, you just have to be completely aware of why you re there. If it'll make one person put 50p in a box, that's why you're there."

Hilda Kalap, of the British Red Cross, recalls one occasion when a singer-songwriter contacted her, asking to become involved in a campaign, and made it obvious that he was after the publicity. "We told him it wouldn't work," she says. "We needed someone who was pretty well-known and therefore could take the campaign forward."

All the charities spokespeople insist that the celebrities who support them do not need the publicity; they're famous enough already and only help out of the goodness of their hearts. But then again, as John Rendall of *HELLO!* magazine points out, they would say that, wouldn't they. "It certainly keeps the celebrities in the public eye," he says, adding quickly, "Mind you, charity is so much a part of our life now. Everyone has their favourite charity."

Nevertheless, charities are unlikely to turn down offers of help from even minor celebrities, even if, as Kate Robbins points out, they are actually out-of-work actors hoping to reinvent themselves with a change of image.

But does it matter what anyone's motivation is, just so long as the money keeps pouring in? We have had the glamourisation of charity. Perhaps, as Queen Noor hopes, the next phase will be .hat we will not need a celebrity to focus our minds on a cause. But somehow that seems unlikely.

JOYS OF MODERN LIFE

6. THE ELECTRIC NIT-COMB
BY MAUREEN FREELY

To appreciate the beauty of this weapon – and I do think of it as a weapon – you have to know what life was without it. Were you aware that 99.999 per cent of schoolchildren in this country are infested with head lice? Did you know that the ultra-expensive, possibly carcinogenic chemical preparations that are supposed to kill them, don't?

Or maybe it's just my children they don't work on. Tea tree oil, the Natural Alternative, doesn't work on them either. It must work on some children, because people are always recommending it to me. It's not cheap, though. And it smells dire, even if you mix it with lavender oil, which also costs a bomb. The worst part of this epidemic is the advice you get.

I can't go two steps these days without some perfect mother or other noticing a really fat one crawling out of my daughter's hairline, and sighing, "Long hair in little girls is such a liability, isn't it? Wouldn't they be better off with bobs?" Or, even worse, having to hear how she got rid of her problem by smearing her children's hair with Vaseline and making them wear bath hats for a week.

The zippy little notes teachers have been slipping into the pact folders lately – "Let's all go on the attack this Sunday and see if we can't get rid of this problem for ever!" – offer a less drastic solution. By which I mean, the Second Circle of Hell, instead of the First. It's called wet-combing and here's how you do it. First you have an argument with your spouse about whose turn it is. When it turns out to be your turn – why is it always your turn? – you wash, condition, and detangle your children's hair as per usual. Then you take out a nit-comb and they try to escape. You drag them screaming and writhing back to the bathroom, and comb living, writhing head lice out of their hair for an hour while they continue to scream. By now, you feel like screaming, so you go upstairs and say something vicious and unforgivable to your spouse.

You're supposed to repeat this every three days until you have gone a fortnight without seeing a single one, and then every five days for the rest of your life. Unless...

The electric nit-comb looks like a cross between a nit-comb and an electric razor. It is not cheap! It comes in a handy little soft case that you can slip into your handbag and it works on dry hair so you can use it anywhere, any time. It makes a high-pitched whine when you turn it on, but every time it electrocutes a head louse, the noise stops. This is your cue to take out the little brush that comes with it, and use it to remove the corpse that you will find hanging limply between the teeth in the comb. I don't know why, but disposing of the dead in this way satisfies a deep and primitive urge.

At least, it does for me. My partner finds the whole routine intensely irritating, because, like all other forms of nitpicking, it doesn't really work. I still maintain that if I use it every morning, I can keep the numbers down. If I use it again in the evening, I can catch the new ones the girls picked up at school. If we're out visiting and see a fat one crawling out of my daughter's hairline, I can zap it before my perfect hostess has the chance to recommend bath hats. And one day, if I'm really lucky, I'll see the nit equivalent of a sumo wrestler crawling out of her hairline. I'll whip out my Robocomb, and tell her to make my day.



REVELATIONS

VICTOR KIAM, NEW YORK, 1958

The lesson that's stuck – because of Velcro

THE FIFTIES was the era of company loyalty – you were given a structure and a direction and it was your job to follow it. So the entrepreneurial thought process, which today is welcomed, was not even allowed to see the light of day. If you raised questions you were criticised for being a maverick.

At 31, I was Vice President of Marketing at Playtex, which specialised in undergarments and girdles. It was a go-ahead company and I felt content until I received a call that would change the way I thought forever. It was from a man I'd never met but who was the husband of a very good friend of my mother-in-law.

John had returned from Europe with some products he thought would be appropriate for my company. Out of his big brown bag came a variety of items, but it was the last one which really captured my imagination. After examining it carefully I was very interested and asked what rights he was selling, and he told me North America. Next I asked the product's name, and he replied Velcro. He explained how the cotton backing and the nylon hooks worked and I thought it would be useful for the brassière, rather than fiddling with hooks and eyes.

The terms were $25,000 for a six-month option to research and make up your mind. I was so excited, I took out my own personal cheque book and wrote a cheque out in the restaurant. It took a lot of conviction but already I could see a phenomenal breakthrough.

I took all the samples home and told my wife. We laid everything out on the dining-room table and started discussing all the possibilities, to present the magnitude of the product to the company. We were still coming up with ideas in bed together – passion was put to one side while we talked Velcro. One thought was keeping me awake: how would it wash? I had a friend who had a large laundry, so he agreed to stick it on hospital gowns and keep washing it. Eventually he called back to tell me they worked fine, so I'm getting more and more excited. I wrote out a huge presentation for the President of the company about all the applications – I came out with more or less everything it was subsequently used on, except trainers – and the costs of buying it from the mills in France or setting them up in the States. He got fairly excited, called in the research and development boys and the company wrote me a cheque to take care of the option. I was relieved because I was a poor guy with a wife and child to support and that cheque had wiped out my entire capital.

The Velcro was taken down to Delaware and Playtex's factory, to put it through its paces. They seemed to take forever and, being impatient, I kept phoning for progress reports. It looked good, but with 100 bras out on tests they needed more time. Finally there was a mass meeting for decision-making in the President's office on the 64th floor of the Empire State Building – the view was amazing. With just a month left of my six-month option, I'm looking forward to this meeting with real anticipation. But I almost fall off my chair. Velcro might work but Playtex would need to invest in capital equipment and become a



supplier to a lot of other companies. The consensus was that we should stick to our knitting and remain a consumer branded product business. I'm in a state of shock. It's like somebody looking at Edison's light bulb and saying, "Who wants to do away with candles?" I thought I had been flown off to Never-Never Land! But the words are flowing out of the President's mouth and everybody is nodding, so it must be true.

I left that meeting with a small consolation prize: the President's blessing to take the rights to Velcro elsewhere and another month of option. So I decided to do it myself. It was a big leap from being a corporate player and, what's more, I knew nobody in financial circles. But a friend offered to host an evening of potential investors at his Park Avenue apartment. He assembled a group which I only knew from the business pages. After the pitch, myself and John from Velcro were asked to step outside.

For about an hour the two of us were pacing up and down this luxurious dinning-room and we hear the door to the living-room open, so we open our door and walk out too. Some of them came over and shook our hands, others smiled. I hit John. "It looks good." My friend invites us to sit down and explains: they loved the product but John had been involved with a failed business and some of these potential investors had lost out. They would work with me but John was out of the question. He refused point-blank to take second fiddle, claiming not to have done anything wrong. I called him the next day but he had other opportunities and my option was up in three days.

Velcro slipped out of my fingers but the lesson I learnt was one that will always stick with me: not to rely on other people's judgement. Next time I'd do it on my own – and that's what I've done.

I hocked myself up to the hilt when I took over Remington; I signed so many personal guarantees that if the company had flopped the bank would have had me in a chain gang. I was so convinced it was not going to fail that I threw everything into it. After Velcro, I had learnt to jump in with both feet. It doesn't mean that my judgement has always been right. I've had failures, but the real skill is how you limit your risks.

I got excited many years ago about a male girdle, because when men get over 40 they begin to spread and why shouldn't they want to eliminate the water wings. I became part of the test panel. However, it was hell to wear and men aren't willing to go through the tortures women will to look good. I had a great name for it too – Potholder!

These days I feel 21, although I'm really 71, and I'm still learning. I have a partner in life, we've been together for 43 years, and a year and a half ago we started talking about what we wanted to do with the rest of our lives. Even coming up the ladder my number one priority was my family. So I tried retiring to Florida.

For the first month it was a pleasure to play tennis every morning and bridge in the afternoon. But each month I enjoyed my freedom less and less. There was nothing tangible that I had to do. My thought process was dead. So I'm back on the ground floor starting things and doing the long-term strategy, the dreaming so to speak. I've given up my retirement because I don't want to switch off the dreams. I've always them, but Velcro taught me to exploit them for myself rather than others.

Andrew G Marshall

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Music of the spheres

The black arts, high drama, philosophy and poetry: John Harle's opera, *Angel Magick*, set in 16th-century England has it all (even Queen Elizabeth I pops in for tea). And it still manages to break the rules. By Phil Johnson



Above: A 16th century alchemist at work with his assistant. The Elizabethan interest in the occult and alchemy serves as both setting and inspiration for *Angel Magick* *Mary Evans*

The domestic arrangements in the Mortlake home of John Dee, Elizabethan magus and neo-Platonist herald of the English renaissance, might not at first sight seem to provide the ideal setting for a contemporary opera, even if Good Queen Bess is always popping in for tea. What with the poets Sir Philip Sidney and Edmund Spenser arguing the toss, and that Italian philosopher Giordano Bruno putting his oar in, there is an awful lot of ideas to contend with.

And then there's the odd couple, of crusty Dr Dee and his frankly rather difficult assistant, Edward Kelley, always trying to summon up angels with those spells of theirs. What poor old Mrs Dee makes of it, God knows, and she's not looking too well either, if you ask me.

But out of this late-16th century soap, the composer John Harle and his librettist David Pountney have made an opera of the proper sort, and one which almost breaks the rules of the genre by appearing to work as drama as well as music. Spells are cast, angels are summoned, and the characters exchange views on the music of the spheres and other recondite matters, but as singers and actors in a theatrical space they succeed in holding your attention. And although the piece deals with complex ideas in a fairly complex manner, it remains clear and direct almost throughout, even if a little background reading would enhance a greater appreciation of the historical background.

Given a sneak preview as part of the Salisbury Festival in May, *Angel Magick* proved to be a resounding success. The singing, by Sarah Leonard as Queen Elizabeth, William Purefoy as Sidney, Jacqueline Miura as Spenser, Andrew Forbes-Lane as Bruno, and Donald Maxwell as Kelley, was particularly fine, and Christopher Good in the non-singing role of Dr Dee provided a satisfyingly down-to-earth centre for the airy perorations of the other principals to revolve around. The music – by the Bauhaus Band and Fretwork, conducted by Harle himself – served the purposes of the drama admirably, and it remained suitably rigorous in its attention to historical detail while never descending into the kind of cod-Elizabethan pastiche that could have been expected. Only the taped voice that was used to declaim the equivalent of chapter headings at the beginning of each movement (which follow an astrological sequence of planets) jarred a little, sounding perhaps a little too close to *Mastermind* for comfort.

On the morning of the first of the two performances at Salisbury, John Harle could be heard as the guest on *Desert Island Discs*, and his incredibly wide-ranging selections perhaps provide a clue to *Angel Magick*'s musical influences. As a schoolboy at the Royal Grammar School in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (he traces his love of history to being taught there by William Feaver, now *The Observer*'s art critic), in the late Sixties, Harle fell under the spell of Pentangle, the pop-folk group whose guitarist, John Renbourn, used to play a number of transcriptions from both Elizabethan and Jacobean sources.

The *Desert Island* selection also included a tune by The Beatles, testifying to Harle's abiding belief in melody; a piece by Duke Ellington, whose alto saxophonist Johnny Hodges' limpidly beautiful tone was one of the reasons Harle took up the saxophone (still considered a rather vulgar arriviste in the classical world) as well as the clarinet; and an excerpt from one of Harrison Birtwistle's most confrontational works, the mini-opera *Punch and Judy*, whose proud dissonances must have led to pre-Sunday lunch panic attacks in the kitchens of the nation.

When Harle performed Birtwistle's *Panic* – one of 16 concerti written specially for him – at the Proms in 1995, he experienced the perils of the avant garde at first hand. Famously, the performance



John Dee, Elizabethan occultist

was booed by a noisy coterie of fogies. Harle first met Birtwistle as an actor-musician at the National Theatre in the late Seventies (where the composer was the NT'S music director), following an unusual background where he served as a bandsman with the Coldstream Guards before entering the Royal College of Music (he is now a professor of saxophone at the Guildhall). But despite his long established working relationship with Birtwistle, Harle retains an almost evangelical faith in tonality, and it is from this – as much as anything else – that *Angel Magick* stems. "At the heart of my music is a belief in tonality, and what was originally thought of as the science of music," Harle says. "It's the Pythagorean concept that there is a tonality in each of us; a belief in music as it appears in nature."

This regard for music as, well, music, is reflected in Harle's interest in popular forms, including jazz. He writes soundtracks for film and television (including *Silent Witness*) and performs with the jazz saxophonist Andy Sheppard in *Twentieth Century Saxophones*. His last major recording, *Terror and Magnificence*, included a collaboration with Elvis Costello. On *Desert Island Discs*, Harle also owned up to dark feelings about English culture. "English folk traditions have always interested me," he says. "Early pagan animal rituals; the theme of Arcadia in England, the Green Man, and the more secretive side of Englishness, such as the elements of Egyptology brought in by the Freemasons and the Victorians. In secret societies magic and alchemy were subversive forces, and I'm really fascinated by alchemy, the idea of making something out of nothing. The definitions of music and magic – and once music was magic – aren't far from each other. It's not just basic academic stuff that interests me in *Angel Magick*, but the idea of creating a fantasy about these people."

For Harle, the models for his opera (which is his first) are more Brecht and Weill than Shakespeare and Dowland. "There are elements of Elizabethan music, but it's as if they're seen through a veil. What I can't bear in opera is the stagnant drama of it, so my music plays right up to the action." In *Angel Magick*, which could be subtitled "Dr Flee's Casebook", the mundane and the metaphysical are mixed "very effectively. The old gent tries to summon up an angel, while in the material world of Mortlake everything around him is falling apart. And whoops, there goes the doorbell. It must be Good Queen Bess.

'Angel Magick', music by John Harle, libretto by David Pountney, is at the Albert Hall as part of the Proms tonight

Closet drama

IS *KING Roger* the great unsung gay opera? Might it even fall foul of Clause 28? As the late Christopher Palmer pointed out, the experiences that fired its composer, Karol Szymanowski, to write it date from the same period as Thomas Mann's, which inspired the latter to create the character of von Aschenbach in *Death in Venice*. And Pentheus, the central figure in Euripides' masterly last play, *The Bacchae*, on which Szymanowski and his librettist Jaroslaw Iwaskievicz

OPERA
KING ROGER
SYMPHONY HALL
BIRMINGHAM

based the opera, was undoubtedly besotted by the Dionysiac appeal of the alien intruder, as he was in a more recent version, Henze's *The Bassarids*, based on a jazzed-up, similarly Klimtian text by WH Auden and Chester Kallmann.

King Roger, as it stands, is frankly a psychological muddle. Even Szymanowski, with a homosexual novel and a clutch of alluring, exotic and Oriental or Hellenic subjects behind him, was searching musically by this time for something fresh, which ultimately led him to Polish folk music. Yet he gave to the opera some of the most wonderful music he ever composed. And every note heard in the dazzling performance by Sir Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra with the CBSO chorus confirmed this.

It is in short a wonderful and spectacular opera. True, Rattle has a few problems which need ironing out before the crucial recording sessions this coming week. A few of the orchestral transitions can be more luminous still; the violin sound, often glorious, can also be less focused than the cellos and alert double basses; the woodwind, surprisingly, is not yet as deft as the brass.

But the meticulously prepared, hard-working chorus made superb work of Szymanowski's eerie, distanced Bacchic choruses. What's more, some first-rate soloists were in evidence: Philip Langridge as Edrisi is the one who has most ably got under the skin of this extraordinary composer. Elzbieta Smytka gave her gorgeous best to Queen Roxana's searing vocals, but Ryszard Minkiewicz needs to shed some of his stiffness if he is to inherit the mantle of Wieslaw Ochman as the sensual shepherd who wins the persuadable King's eye. Thomas Hampson, is a natural for the demanding role of the King: indeed, in the forthcoming recording, he may well redefine it.

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Comic timing to make your mouth water

I MUST apologise. I try to see every play with an open mind, but I must admit that I went to *The Man Who Came to Dinner* fogged by prejudice. I felt certain I would enjoy myself. I didn't ... I had a ball.

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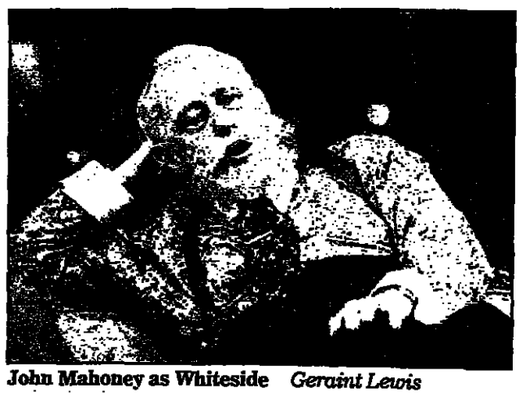
There is so much frantic coming and going in Mr and Mrs Stanley's comfortably furnished Ohio home (circa 1939), that you are reminded of the madcap mayhem of Frank Capra's classic movie, *You Can't Take it With You*. So you should be. Both were written by George S Kaufman and Moss Hart. The combination of Kaufman's inspired lunacy (he wrote for the Marx Brothers), and Hart's theatrical finesse (he directed *My Fair Lady*), resulted in a masterpiece of comic structure which builds a triumphant farce plot, filled to bursting with firecracker dialogue.

Take the opening. Sheridan Whiteside fractured his hip slipping on the Stanley's front step and has been confined to a wheelchair. Instead of a laborious expository scene, we are immediately plunged into comedy panic with everyone absolutely agog, awaiting the re-emergence of the critic, raconteur and radio personality, Sheridan Whiteside, whose global reputation is matched only by his girth and arrogance. The doors to the library fly open and Whiteside looms into view. Everyone holds their breath. After what seems like an eternity, he barks, "I may vomit." The household gasps and the audience collapses.

Without wishing to sound like your least favourite relative, they "don't write 'em like this any more". Nor, you would think, do they play them like they should. Wrong. Chicago's Steppenwolf company does. Their enormous reputation for ensemble acting rests on heavy-weight company-devised pieces like the acclaimed *Orphans* or adaptations such as *The Grapes of Wrath*, but they are so at home in this exercise in hilariously controlled chaos that you would think they had been playing comedy all their lives.

It isn't just that they don't have to struggle with the American accents, but that these immensely skilled actors have timing to die for. Everyone in the 19-strong cast of them knows how to milk a line, build a gag or make a meal out of an entrance or an exit.

Thanks to the inventive direction of James Burrows – co-creator and director of *Cheers* – everyone has a superb physical approach to character. Linda Kimborough's ramrod-backed nurse gets laughs every time she scurries across the room like a demented beanpole on wheels.



John Mahoney as Whiteside *Geraint Lewis*

Shannon Cochran is sublimely funny as the vamp actress, Lorraine Sheldon, getting more laughs (and character detail) out of checking her make-up in her powder compact than you'd imagine to be humanly possible. The entire production is full of joyous comic business in the tiniest moments. Christian Stolte gets a round of applause for his silent appearance as a radio technician. The stage direction reads: "he drifts into the room, plugs into the control board, *drifts out again.*" Stolte struts in, clocks the gorgeous Sheldon, trips, catches the flying sound desk, crashes into the radio, knocks over a pot plant and collapses off-stage. See what I mean?

As the self-obsessed Whiteside, John Mahoney (the grouchy father in *Frasier*) starts out sounding like a thin man struggling in a fat role, but he rattles out the non-stop vituperative one-liners like a veteran and, threatened with the loss of his secretary (the excellent Harriet Harris), becomes deliciously Machiavellian.

And then there's Ross Lehman doing a disgracefully funny Nöel Coward impersonation and Alan Wilder's Groucho Marx and ... oh hell, just go and see for yourself.

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DAVID BENEDICT

Hancock's half hour too little

THERE ARE people around who still deny that a pianist, as well as a piano, can have an individual tone. "How can it be?" they ask. "The hammer strikes the string; the fingers merely set the mechanics in motion." And, technically, they have a point. But they would have been suitably shamed at the Barbican Centre on Saturday night, when jazz pianist Herbie Hancock demonstrated the importance of being Herbie with the very first note he struck. You could give this man a Bechstein, a Yamaha or a knocked out wreck from a junior school in Tring: something in that incisive attack but refined after-ring would tell you exactly whose fingers were setting the mechanics in motion.

JAZZ
HERBIE HANCOCK QUARTET
BARBICAN
LONDON

After a support set of mildly moody, largely groove-based fusion from guitarist Tony Remy's British group, the Herbie Hancock Quartet played an hour and a half of diverse compositions but few surprises, mixing standards (Cole Porter's "I Love You") with converted pop tunes from Hancock's "The New Standard" album (Peter Gabriel's "Mercy Street"). Once the quartet found its head of steam, it became clear what a well-integrated and aware operation the pianist had put together. Craig Handy sounded best struggling with the idiosyncrasies of the difficult soprano saxophone. On tenor, he was devastatingly proficient but a little blunt and unaffecting. Bassist Kenny Davis played some of the best solos of the evening, despite sacrificing his instrument to the carelessness of baggage handlers on the trip over; and drummer Gene Jackson sounded modern and exciting, particularly when moving down off the cymbals to play busy tides of rhythm, as much to do with "pulse" as swing.

Hancock himself had arrived in garrulous mood, telling stories and making jokes, but soon learned that in London time is money, jazz legend or no jazz legend. At one point he fell into an odd introspection whilst studying the mineral data on his water bottle, until audience members began shouting "Come on Herbie!"

The set built steadily in intensity, climaxing with an exquisite performance of Hancock's own "Maiden Voyage", in which the leader aimed a 40 year career-worth of harmonic sophistication into some shudderingly beautiful piano playing. This was Hancock at his very best, keeping you on the edge of your seat with a barrage of displaced accents and edgy twists and turns. And then, bar the encore, that was that. It is so often true of contemporary jazz that after the band has made friends with the room and found its thread for the evening, the second set is the best. It is just a pity that at these large concert venues, more often than not there isn't one.

LINTON CHISWICK

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A fountainhead of emptiness

A historical account of the world's most famous video artist – Bruce Nauman – is well worth going to see: if only for the insight it gives into the depths of guff and ennui that affluent society produced in the Sixties. By Richard D North



Above, 'Mirror of Water' (1998) by Mariko Mori: no more spiritually engaging than the latest trick in a planetarium. The transition from analogue to digital seems not to have made video into anything like an interesting medium. Below, 'Anthro/Socio' (1991) by Bruce Nauman: these cameras observe and stare, but do not reveal anything

Just now, we have two wonderful opportunities to see the fatuousness of a much-vaunted modern medium. Each makes you long for the paint, pen and pencil of old. They come close to banishing one's interest in any art which has to be installed and yearn for anything which needs no more than a few nails in a wall.

The first is a mostly historical account of the world's most famous video artist. The Hayward Gallery's newest show, Bruce Nauman, breaks nearly every rule of what makes art a worthwhile adventure. On those grounds alone, it is worth seeing out of any proportion to its likelihood of delivering pleasure. It displays no creativity, little purpose and less insight. But it is a fascinating example of the levels of guff and ennui that affluent society started producing in the Sixties. If you were not there the first time round, it is worth seeing one of the fountainheads of the emptiness which afflicts a good deal of our art.

It is, in case you had not heard, a mostly retrospective exhibition of a series of video installations (and some flat jokes in neon) whose main preoccupation is faces closely observed while the mouths speak repetitively. There are variations. In one, *Raw Material – OK, OK, OK*, Mr Nauman's head is seen spinning on several screens. In some of these, he appears to be spinning *on* his head. Most of the material looks as though it had been captured on surveillance camera. It is therefore ugly and forensic. This blurry and monochrome medium is virtually incapable of loveliness, which seems to suit the artist's gloomy intent. Sometimes, the mood seems to be that of an animal experimenter's movie, rescued for use in anti-vivisectionist propaganda.

I hope I have not made the works seem interesting in this description of them. These cameras observe and stare, but they do not reveal anything. They give us a narrow-cast TV show of extraordinary tedium, delivered to us in an environment in which we cannot even sit comfortably or get up to make tea during the commercials.

The Nauman show is not offensive in the sense that it demeans its subjects or viewers in the way that plenty of broadcast television can. But it makes its own vivid case for considering the opportunity cost (the "life is too short" consideration) of being in one gallery when there is good stuff elsewhere. If you go to the Tate after the Hayward, you can see Lucian Freud's latest paintings. These are far more disturbing than anything by Nauman, and (having been painted in the last few years) most are far more modern. Mr Nauman makes one grateful even for Francis Bacon (late of the Hayward himself): Bacon's images were equally grim, and arguably perversely so, but that artist at least went on a real mission of exploration. He chucked some talent at his enterprise.

If you thought art ought to be uplifting, as in "cheerful", you could go from the Freud to the Patrick Heron, where there is great joyfulness and celebration, if lightweight artistry. If you wanted to see self-consciously "modern" work by a youngish artist, you could go and see the Chagalls at the Royal Academy, and see the derivative lifted to genius.

You might say, all that art is either old or traditional. But in what spirit do we now go and see these Nauman works of urban angst, by a man who is alive and living the rural idyll as cattle rancher and horse whisperer in New Mexico, who helped invent the installation art which is still thought cutting edge, but whose own work is now old hat? Perhaps we should see them as a slice of very contemporary history. In much the same spirit, one might go and see the Warhol stuff at the Tate. But the Warhol is surprisingly refreshing, and – remarkably – rewards a visit inspite of having become the most reproduced set of cliches of our day.

The Naumans have not performed this trick of re-acquiring the power to surprise or seem serious. Nor have they acquired retro-chic of the kind Tony Bennett discovered he had at Glastonbury, when a generation enjoyed being able to say they had perhaps been foolish to mock their parents and grandparents for preferring swing to beat. They have not even acquired the fond joke status accorded any fashion, however absurd or ugly it was the first time round. These works are not the flares and tank-tops of the art world.

If Nauman's work was once exciting, it has acquired dullness with age. Of course, some people will find great seriousness in these pieces. One writer, Tim Adams, has suggested that Nauman's work equates "with the undirected neuroses of our times, a kind of white noise of anxiety". Certainly Nauman used to concentrate on a sort of sub-clinical misery, and now gives us an emotionless enunciation of the dull or confused. His work may cause depression in a few spectators, and resonate with the designer despair of a few more. I even saw the only deliberately up-beat piece inspire appreciative hilarity in one couple, and marvelled at them. But that does not at all mean this stuff has its finger on anything very serious in society at large.

The work is part of the process whereby bits of the media and much of the arts industry have done their best to persuade us that chronic anxiety and misery are now endemic in the population. The arts are bound to concentrate on exceptional – and exceptionally awful as well as exceptionally uplifting – states of mind. But that is also why the "normals" need to challenge them vigorously: we need not and should not accept, in a sheeplike way, that civilisation's gone down the tubes, and us with it.

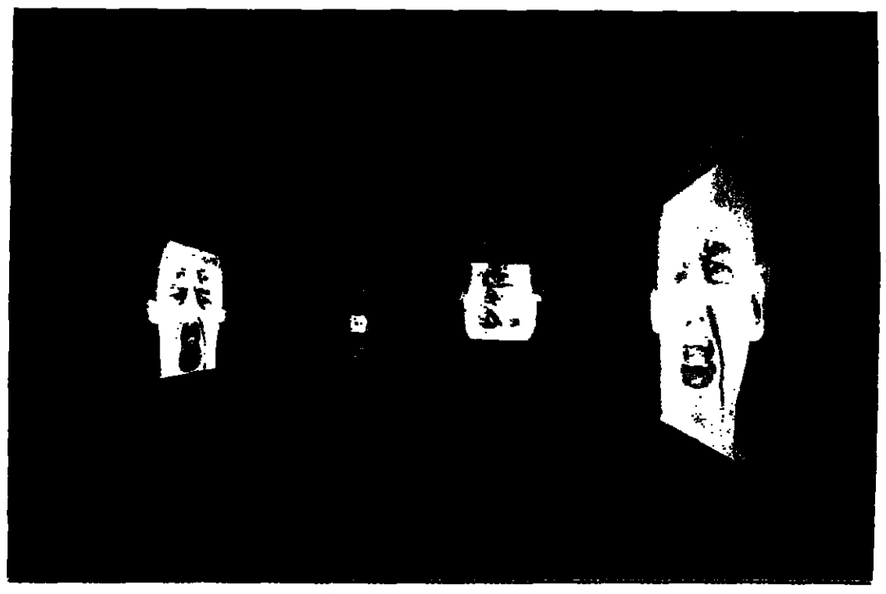
By all accounts, Mariko Mori's work, on show at the Serpentine, is overtly intended to be cheerful. It is, after all, in part an account of the digital age's response to Bhuddism, with its enchantments and smiling garishness much to the fore. In many of the images, Mori herself (a one-time fashion model and designer) appears as a digitised Barbie doll with more than a hint of the alien inter-galactic traveller, and the catalogue waxes eloquent about the invented woman, and the self-imaging of the age. In *Birth of a Star*, the artist has made herself into a weird Lolita-like child-woman, but the image is not very joyful. It seems to speak of the anorexic and the wilful immaturity of the frightened female. The image reminds one how curiously desperate and flakey those women can seem who take refuge in being "kookie".

It is true that *Nirvana* (for which one wears 3D specs) is quite thrilling: Mori chants and does hand-sculptures while little musicians waft about and a bubble emerges from the artist's midriff and comes out, and out, until one believes it might pass over the viewer's shoulder.

All in all, Disney could not have done better if they had thought to invoke the idea of an oriental My Little Pony interrupting a tea ceremony to have a seance. But it really is no more spiritually engaging than the latest trick in a planetarium. Its technology is put to slightly better use than would be its appearance in a blockbuster movie, or theme park, but not much.

What is interesting in Mori's work is that the transition from analogue to digital seems not to have made video into anything like an interesting medium. The images are getting a little closer to something like the density of colour and delineation of form that paint or celluloid can deliver.

But the ability seemlessly to manipulate "reality", which is as challenging to our ideas of art as biotechnology is to our ideas of nature, is put to no real work here. Mori manipulates conventional images, as in *Entropy of Love*, where she superimposes on a desert scene images of a wind farm. The largeness of scale of the thing, and the delineation of the detail, is breathtaking, until one realises that it is as vacuous as the over-rated mountains-and-message work of Ed Ruscha (currently at the Anthony d'Offay Gallery). I would not mind looking at big pictures of either deserts or wind-farms, or even of ditzy pseudo-religious symbols, but putting the whole lot together is no more than tricksy.



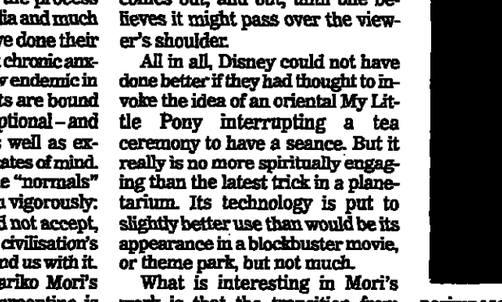
The most perfect antidote to this stuff? In the Albemarle Gallery you can see, for the second time, just four egg tempera still lifes by Antony Williams (the man who painted the Queen's fingers as sausages). Tiny, quiet, deliberate, composed; there is no gimmickry here, just artistry.

Hayward Gallery (0171-921 0600) open daily 10am-6pm, and until 8pm Tues and Wed; Bruce Nauman until 6 September. Tate Gallery (0171-887 8000) open daily, 10am-5.50pm; Lucian Freud, until 26 July, Warhol and Beuys until 20 September; Patrick Heron until 6 September. Royal Academy of Arts (0171-960 5226) open daily 10am-6pm, and until 8pm Tues and Wed; Chagall, Love and the Stage, until 4 October. Serpentine (0171-402 4103) open 10am-6pm daily; Mariko Mori until 9 August. Blains Fine Art (0171-495 5050). Anthony d'Offay (0171-499 4100) is open 10am-5.30pm, Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm Sat; Ed Ruscha, until 30 July. Albemarle (0171-499 1616) 9.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm Sat; The Annual Still Life Show, until 1 August.

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Cathy de Monchaux's 'Evidently Not' (1995)

HOW DOES Turner Prize nominee Cathy de Monchaux's sculpture grab you? Mostly by its claws and clamps, hooks and screws. "Evidently Not" (1995), shown here, which is regarded as one of her signature works, is only 18ins long. The same decorative, meticulous detail appears as motifs in her big installations.

Decorative? Well, yes, but what is that pink, sensitive-looking leather thing, painfully clamped in the middle? Answers on a postcard.

De Monchaux was a contemporary of Damien Hirst at Goldsmiths College, but he was on the BA course, she on the MA. She is his senior by five years, but her work could be a generation apart. Although she exhibited in his ground-breaking "Freeze" show in 1987 – which, to some, classes her as a YBA – the show does not appear in her CV, and she was never part of Hirst's social circle. Nor was her work in last year's "Sensation" exhibition.

There is only one "bad girl" among this year's Turner nominees, and that is the Sensation artist Sam Taylor-Wood. De Monchaux belongs, at 37, to a less wild, more thoughtful, post-Sensation generation. She makes impact not by the shock-horror of a single outrageous image, but by allowing a juxtaposition of different shapes, materials and colours, all rich in association, to provoke different responses in different people. Confusing and disturbing though it may be, it is a more polite form of art.

It is probably unfair to try to interpret her work. It could spoil the fun. But a recurring formula of hers is a juxtaposition of references to a past culture with biological forms. For instance, in "Evidently Not", the tracery made from cold, bright brass (which she cut with just a jigsaw and drill) is Gothic in style and has a religious flavour. Its claw-shapes seize the warm, fleshy leather of the penis/vagina. Fetishism? It's up to you.

De Monchaux's show at the Whitechapel last year established her reputation in this country, but she has shown more in America and Europe than in Britain. Her works cost between £2,000 for a six-inch sculpture to £20,000 for an installation. They sell fast and there is a waiting list. When I telephoned her gallery, Sean Kelly, in New York, I was offered one of an edition of 13 of her little frogs in cast silver, for $9,500. She will no doubt be working her jigsaw blunt before the Turner prize is announced on 1 December.

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GALLERY WEEK

IF THE public won't go to the gallery, then the gallery must go to the public. That is the reasoning of Gallery 198 in south London, set to transform a derelict urban site in central Brixton into an eye-catching, temporary art installation, to coincide with Gallery Week.

Gallery 198 was set up 10 years ago, in response to the Brixton riots, with the ambitious and well-intentioned aim of helping to heal social wounds and promote inter-cultural appreciation. "The gallery is non Euro-centric, and aims to show the work of contemporary artists from diverse cultural backgrounds," explains Paul Howard from 198.

The current exhibition shows the work of Anglo-Chinese artists and was commissioned at the time of the hand over of Hong Kong to China. A cuddly replica of the cartoon character, Hong Kong Phooey, pinned to the ground with acupuncture needles, is by artist Mayling To, while one whole gallery space has been transformed into a dense forest of unfurled till rolls from the artist Susan Pui San Lok's father's Chinese takeaway.

Add to these two huge feet on a bed of splayed fish against a startlingly purple background, an enormous eagle set against a thunderous sky and an array of figures, and contemporary icons will scream out for attention. Whether those passing will appreciate the art, however, remains to be seen.

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HEALTH

We all know that they're hostile, violent and uncontrollably mad, don't we? We couldn't be more wrong.

By **Roger Dobson**



Many schizophrenics, such as Sue Mayhew of Gloucestershire, pose no threat whatsoever to the community they live in — *John Lawrence*

Are schizophrenics the lepers of our time?

SUE MAYHEW would like everyone to know that she is not at all a violent person. She is an artist, a writer and a poet; she has two pet ponies, and she lives quietly and peacefully in rural Gloucestershire.

And yet 34-year-old Sue also suffers from schizophrenia, so she shouldn't she be violent? Aren't all people like her hostile, violent, unpredictable and uncontrollably mad?

Well, no, they are not. In fact violence is far more likely from someone within the family, or from a man without a mental problem, than from a schizophrenic stranger. Statistically we are all 400 times more likely to die of flu this year than to be killed by a mentally ill patient.

But, despite that, schizophrenics such as Sue have become the new lepers of society, who face daily discrimination, who risk having their children taken into care, and who are shunned by employers. If schizophrenia were a *nationality* rather than a disease, the Race Relations Board would be one of Britain's biggest industries.

Somehow, in the furore over the perceived failings in community care, it is schizophrenics who have emerged as the villains. Over the first few years of care in the community, schizophrenia has become a condition both feared and despised. It is the only disease, other than those that are sexually transmitted, which attracts hostility rather than sympathy. This is exacerbated every time there is news of a violent act involving a mentally ill patient, such as the official inquiry report last month on Richard Linford, who battered to death Christopher Edwards, a fellow schizophrenic.

Tomorrow the report of another formal inquiry into a killing is due to be released. That investigation, into the circumstances in which Danny Eske from Southampton killed his mother, is expected to highlight problems in the case of the 18-year-old and make various recommendations.

It is likely that there will be more criticism for care in the community, but for Sue and sufferers like her the effect will be that once again they will be thrown on to the defensive.

It is estimated that one in 100 people suffers with schizophrenia, and a problem with the illness is that the symptoms are complex and vary in range and intensity between patients.

"Schizophrenia is a psychotic disorder, which means people who suffer from it have serious psychotic disturbances, the most significant of which are hallucinations and delusions," says Dr George Szmukler, medical director of the Maudlsey Hospital. "Delusions are beliefs that are not supported by any testing of reality or by any evidence. There may also be disturbances of thinking, so that the patient becomes difficult to understand; thoughts become incoherent. Patients may feel there thoughts are accessible to everyone else, or that thoughts are being inserted into their mind by an external agency or person, or that thoughts are being removed from their mind. They can have very bizarre experiences."

The causes of schizophrenia are still a mystery, despite decades of research and speculation. Genetic factors, brain abnormalities, family problems, social deprivation, adversity, stress and traumatic life events have all been looked at. The latest thinking is that some people may be predisposed to the illness, but that environmental factors are important as well, and so, too, are life events.

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Last week Christopher Gates, a furniture polisher, went to court to claim compensation from the hypnotist Paul McKenna, who, he alleges, turned him into a schizophrenic. The 30-year old says that he was hypnotised at a show in High Wycombe and that nine days later he was admitted to hospital with an acute episode of schizophrenia. Mr McKenna denies the claim and says that the illness was not caused by hypnotism.

About one in four sufferers will be cured, but for most their symptoms will be kept under control with anti-psychotic medication or major tranquillisers, backed up by psycho-social counselling – which is aimed partly at reducing the likelihood of their omitting to take their medication.

Most of these sufferers, men and women who will need to take medication with the risk of side-effects for most of their lives, find it difficult to understand why their illness should attract such hostility.

"I think that people have tremendous fear of the insane. They are seen as somehow being not understandable and unpredictable, and are worrying. At the same time, people also have a worry about the little crazy bits within themselves," says Dr Szmukler.

"The hysteria we get has to do with the perception that care in the community has resulted in more people being violent and endangering ordinary community members. There is no evidence for that at all; there is nothing to show that there has been an increase in violence by people with a mental illness or an increase in homicides compared with the ordinary population.

"It is important for people to recognise that the vast majority of people with a mental illness live happily in the community. They do clinically better, or at least no worse, than they did in the large hospitals, and their quality of life is vastly improved."

Back in Gloucestershire, Sue says that people need to be better informed, and to be more questioning about sensational reports. "There is an awful lot of alarmism that comes with the diagnosis of schizophrenia, and there is a sensationalist approach to reporting the cases of violence.

"We are much misunderstood and discriminated against. Schizophrenic parents are no more of a risk to their children than so-called normal parents but they risk having their children taken away from them. I have had two friends who killed themselves as a result of the way they were treated.

"I find it very upsetting. I do my best to put people straight about schizophrenia but there is an awful lot of ignorance and fear. Society has to have underdogs, I suppose, and I think that at the moment we fulfil that role."

> *'The vast majority of people with a mental illness live happily in the community'*

Dr Peter Chadwick, who was also diagnosed as having schizophrenia, has been campaigning to improve the image of the illness and its sufferers.

Dr Chadwick, aged 52, was plunged into a surreal world where he thought people were talking about him, and that "The Organisation" was trying to make him commit suicide. He is now cured, has married Jill, now 48, whom he met while recovering, lectures on psychology, and has written a book about positive attitudes to schizophrenia.

He argues, "Schizophrenic people should be treated like people with any other illness, and treated appropriately and treated with dignity. Community involvement in the understanding and acceptance of schizophrenic people is vital because community paranoia will ease as people get more knowledge of people who are 'different'. Ignorance, after all, is the fuel of fear."

We should also dispense with stereotypical images of schizophrenia, he says. "When we think of all schizophrenics as potential murderers, we should reflect on the fact that gentle, intelligent people such as Van Gogh, Ravel, Stravinsky and Tennessee Williams all showed paranoid or schizotypal traits."

'Schizophrenia: the Positive Perspective' by Peter Chadwick (Routledge, 15.99)

SICK NOTES

WILLIAM HARTSTON

A SPOKESMAN for the Thai Transplantation Society has condemned a newspaper story about a man who offered to sell a kidney in order to pay off his mortgage. Sanchai Thongpaijit, 65, has announced that he will sell his kidney to the highest bidder, and is hoping to get at least 1 million baht (£15,000). Dr Kittichai Luengtaviboon described the offer as "immoral and criminal according to the universal standard".

THE UNIVERSITY of California, San Francisco, is under attack from animal rights groups for a planned experiment in which loud noises will be played at six anaesthetised squirrel monkeys which will subsequently be killed and their brains dissected to examine the effects of hearing loss. The UCSF scientists say the monkeys will not hear the noise or feel any pain. A university animal research committee judged the experiment to be humane and "of benefit to scientific understanding".

NO-SMOKING can damage your health – in the short term. According to a paper in *Nature*, the average number of accidents on No Smoking Day (the second Wednesday in March) between 1987 and 1996 was 575.8, compared with 553.4 on the preceding Wednesday and 519.1 on the Wednesday following. But the author of the article, Andrew J Waters, said that this small increase "doesn't even get close to outweighing the long-term health benefits in quitting smoking".

"OLDER PEOPLE need to be forthright and assertive," Dr David Weeks has concluded after a 10-year study of youthful-looking people. "If that means growing old disgracefully, I am all for it." Dr Weeks has been researching a group he dubs the "superyoung", who look and feel younger than they are. The secret of superyouth, he says, is "to be active in mind and body and pay a lot of attention to your sex life". Dr Weeks is 54.

ACCORDING TO a study published in the *British Medical Journal*, there is a strong link between financial worries and the onset of mental disorders such as anxiety and depression. Financial stress was found to be a "powerful independent predictor" of both the onset and the maintenance of mental disorder. Poverty and unemployment were also found to be linked to the persistence of anxiety and depression – but not to its onset.

A SURVEY by a health care company in the US says doctors do the right things only about half the time. "It was amazing to me," Dr Lee Newcomer, director of United Healthcare, told Reuters. "I practised as a physician for 10 years and I always was under the assumption that I was doing things correctly 95 per cent of the time." He says that most of the errors, such as not prescribing the right drugs, and omitting to run the right tests – are caused by forgetfulness rather than incompetence.

When phone rage is the only rational response

BRITAIN ON THE COUCH



OLIVER JAMES

> *He admonished me for calling his employee a bastard. 'Bastards,' I ranted. 'I was referring to the organisation...'*

MRS THATCHER'S "Me First" economy is still ripping us off, creating a drip, drip, drip, of depression and anger. There is a cumulative adverse effect on our well-being of the hidden extras and mark-ups encountered in so many of our transactions.

As part of the laborious process of "getting on to the Net" last week (in fact, I have still slipped through it), I had to get advice from a company called Locomotive Software, on a 0891 number at 50p a minute. Rather than getting through to a person, I was greeted by a recorded message, read at snail's pace.

"This is the support line for Locoscript Professional, Locoscript PC and local links for Windows. Calls to this line are charged at 50p per minute. We recommend that you call from a phone at which you can use your PC and that you have the programme you are calling about running on your PC. Please hold for a support assistant. Please hold for a moment."

I paid 25p (30 seconds) to hear this totally unnecessary message. When the Locomotive operative did finally come on the line, I am afraid I flipped. Foaming at the mouth, I said something like "You bastards. Not satisfied with keeping me waiting for a minute, you charge me to do so." Understandably, the man said he was not prepared to be abused, and ended the conversation.

Phoning back in a more sweet-tempered voice, I asked to speak to the supervisor and Howard Fisher, managing director of the company, came on the line. An assertive and interrogative man, he admonished me for calling his employee a bastard. "*Bastards*," I ranted, "I was referring to the organisation, not the individual" – and tried to justify the message.

Mr Fisher replied that callers needed to be informed what software was dealt with by this line, warned that the calls cost 50p a minute (at 50p a minute) and reminded to have their PCs to hand.

He also suggested that I contact the 0891 regulator, but it is increasingly obvious (if it was ever obscure) that these Ofs (OfTel, OfGas etc) are toothless crones. Most of us have anyway got better things to do than spend our time writing to bodies that so manifestly do not really represent our interests.

Mr. Fisher told me that at the end of the recorded message it says that if we call again we can press "9" to avoid having to listen to the whole message again. But, quite simply, this was not true: no such statement was on his recorded message. "Oh," said Mr. Fisher, "Well, it might not be on the specific number you called."

It would be wonderful if this experience were merely a one-off, but in a thousand other ways, both small and large, we are paying more than we should.

Our cars are much more expensive than the equivalent models in Europe and our mobile phone charges are similarly inflated. It used to be the case that if you preferred a cassette tape to a CD, you could find one. Slowly tape prices rose, so that a typical tape would cost £9.99. But even this method of avoiding the £14.99 for a CD is no longer on offer in most music shops, because they do not supply tapes at all.

Then there are the hidden extras associated with electrical goods. When I bought my Hewlett Packard fax/printer I did not realise that a replacement ink cartridge (available only from Hewlett Packard) would cost around £25. Contacting the company to ask why they did not make a cartridge that could be refilled, I was told: "technical reasons". I assume this is the technical need to make a huge profit out of me, because I simply refuse to believe they could not create a refillable version.

Another problem is the moving goalposts. I have recently realised that I am paying miles more than I need to for my mobile phone. Hours of tedious research revealed that if I move to Orange there would be much lower charges, and none for an itemised bill. Similarly, a couple of years ago I realised that I was paying far more than I needed to for my mortgage. Having contacted a few competitors to my building society and obtained better offers, I fed this information to mine. They immediately offered me a much cheaper deal.

Even if you do obtain the best deal, most of the services you purchase send bills that are almost completely incomprehensible. I suspect that teams of graphic artists carefully test them on focus groups to ensure inscrutability so that consumers do not really understand where their money is going.

The same is true with professional's billings, like those from lawyers and accountants. Only if you are very persistent will they give any sort of detail. If you are still not happy, there is no point in complaining to their self-policing regulatory bodies, who will not automatically get involved in disputes over fees.

I am a reasonably assertive, well educated person who is self-employed and has the time to engage in the required argy-bargy if I am unhappy. But not everyone is lucky enough to be in this position. What about the mentally ill, the elderly and the exhausted?

Not that my proactivity helps me much, because I end up with the uncomfortable feeling that there is always something else that I should be worrying about: Should I move my telephone line to Mercury? Change to a different pension scheme? Get some health insurance?

All this is extremely bad for our daily well-being. It provokes Victor Meldrew raging and helpless depression. Mrs Thatcher's toxic legacy of enfeebled regulatory bodies and self-policing professional protection rackets must be ended. The Government should take over these roles, forcing the various industries involved to pay, making the bodies truly independent and supplying razor-sharp fangs.

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The sweet smell of healthy gums

Make an effort to look after your mouth or be ready to say goodbye to your teeth. By Annabel Ferriman

Jean Wright first realised that something was wrong with her gums when she noticed the constant taste of blood in her mouth. She decided it was time to visit her dentist, particularly as she had not been for three years. He gave her the bad news: she had serious gum disease and required expensive treatment.

"Pockets had developed between my gums and my teeth which were encouraging the growth of bacteria. The dentist had to lift the gum off my teeth and scrape out the gunge.

"The stuff that came out was repulsive. He had to do a quarter of the mouth at a time, so I had to go back four times, and it cost £250. It did not hurt as he froze the gums, but I'd rather not have it again," she said.

Jean's dentist also frightened her by pointing out that people with gum disease seem to be at increased risk of heart disease. Several large studies have suggested a link, particularly in men between 40 and 50, though no one yet understands the reason for it. Experts think it could be due to both groups having an over-reactive natural body defence mechanism. Jean, a 49-year-old teacher from north London, was particularly annoyed to discover that she had gum disease because she had been a fairly conscientious teeth cleaner, always brushing twice a day. Like most of the British, however, she did not change her toothbrush every three months as dentists recommend (the average is 11 months) and never used dental floss.

Dentists say this casual attitude to dental hygiene has got to stop; otherwise we are going to continue losing our teeth prematurely, not so much from dental caries, which is less common now because of fluoride toothpaste, but from periodontitis – loss of the bone round the tooth – which develops from gingivitis, inflammation of the gum.

"Brushing and flossing are important because they disperse the bacteria. Troublesome bacteria are like football hooligans. They flourish in a crowd. If you keep dispersing them, they cannot do any harm," said Bernard Kieser, a London-based consultant periodontist.

"If you do not clean your teeth thoroughly, plaque, or what we now call microbial biofilm, forms on the teeth, which allows the troublesome bacteria to thrive. Antibiotics are not the answer, because they cannot resolve a problem, which is essentially an imbalance of the microflora normally present in the mouth.

"Periodontitis is an ecological upset. You simply have to correct the balance," Mr Kieser added. "The use of antibiotics would be irrational and may even lead to the development of resistant strains."

Although the main reason for gingivitis is poor dental hygiene – apart from not replacing their toothbrushes frequently enough, the British brush their teeth on average for only 37 seconds a session, when dentists recommend about two minutes – there are one or two other causes of the disorder, which affect certain groups and sometimes crop up. "In women, it is sometimes linked to hormones," said Aubrey Sheiham, Professor of *Dental Public Health* at University College London.

"If a woman is pregnant or taking the Pill, her gums often bleed more. It is called pregnancy gingivitis or, in the case of women on the Pill, pseudo-pregnancy gingivitis, and is linked to the amount of oestrogen circulating in the blood.

"Pregnant women improve around the seventh month, when the body switches from producing a great deal of oestrogen to producing progesterone. Women taking the pill seem to get better after a year or so, as the body learns to accommodate the increase in hormones," he added.



Troublesome bacteria are like football hooligans. They flourish in a crowd

Women with pregnancy gingivitis often experience tender gums, a condition that can also be caused by an acute condition known as acute ulcerative gingivitis. This was known as "trench mouth" during the First Wold War, when it was common among soldiers.

"It occurs in times of stress, particularly among young people aged between 18 and 28 and in people with HIV. The gums are exquisitely painful and the victim has strong halitosis. When the condition was common, nurses could write a prescription as the person walked through the door of the clinic because the smell of the breath was so strong.

"The condition is also seasonal, occurring more in winter than in summer, when more people have flu and other illnesses. It is one of the few times when antibiotics are necessary," he added.

Halitosis is one of the unpleasant side-effects of gum disease. An estimated 15 per cent of the population over 35 have gum disease badly enough to cause halitosis and to need treatment.

It arises when the bacteria in gum pockets start to degrade the proteins in the gum. The by-products of the process are first hydrogen sulphides, which smell like bad eggs, and then chemicals called amines, which are also foul smelling. The names of these amines – cadaverine and purtrescine – conjure up the ghastly smells they produce. As the gums become progressively more inflamed, so they produce a nutritious liquid which the bacteria love.

The bugs multiply, further breaking down the gums and enlarging the pocket, so they have more room to grow. The process continues in a vicious downward spiral, until the bone is affected and starts to be resorbed by the body and the teeth lose their attachment. This condition is known as periodontitis.

"Periodontitis is responsible for about a quarter of all the extractions done in the UK," said Dr Daphne Agerholm, a lecturer in periodontology at King's College Hospital, south London. "Because the damage is cumulative, most people do not start to lose teeth due to gum disease until they are in their 40s.

"I see patients every single day that have lost about two-thirds of the bone round their teeth and who say, 'Why didn't someone tell me I was at risk?'" The whole root of each tooth should be embedded in bone, but as the bone is resorbed, so the root becomes loose. Dr Agerholm pointed out that although gingivitis often leads to periodontitis, the link is not linear. "Some people can get gingivitis and it is contained throughout the whole life. Others can lose bone quite quickly. The difference in susceptibility is probably genetic. We think about 10 per cent of the population is highly susceptible and therefore more likely to lose their teeth due to periodontitis.'

Her tips for avoiding periodontitis are: brush every surface of your teeth thoroughly and regularly, floss between the teeth, refrain from smoking and, if the gums are so sore that you find it hard to brush for long, use the mouthwash corsidyl, which contains chlorhexidine.

"Electric toothbrushes are brilliant these days and you could also use a toothpaste containing triclosan, which is useful in preventing problems," she added. Unfortunately the first signs of periodontitis are hard to detect yourself. Although you will know if you have gingivitis, because your gums bleed, you need X-rays or someone with a periodontal probe to see if you are losing bone, which necessitates a trip to the dentist.

Jean Wright was lucky. Her gingivitis was caught in time. "There has been no further deterioration and my gums have stopped receding. I now visit the dentist every three months for a scale and polish and I floss every day," she said.

For women in particular, a good set of teeth is important. As Hugh Wheeler wrote in *A Little Night Music*, "to lose a lover or even a husband or two during the course of one's life can be vexing. But to lose one's teeth is a catastrophe."



From left: Paul, James and their father Jim Brown. Both boys suffer from osteoporosis — *Nick McGowan-Lowe*

A young head on very old shoulders

Osteoporosis – brittle bones – can devastate a child, and the diagnosis is easily missed. By Cherrill Hicks

EVER SINCE he was a toddler, James Brown has found it hard to run and jump like other children. The GP told his parents, Jim and Eileen, that their elder son was simply clumsy, and that there was nothing to worry about.

It was not until James was 10 and had been taken to the local hospital, immobilised by back pain, that doctors discovered the real problem. "The orthopaedic surgeon took one look at his X-rays and said he had the skeleton of an old age pensioner," recalls his father.

James, now 12, was found to be suffering from osteoporosis, which makes bones so porous that they break easily. His bone density is so low that his vertebrae have fractured in a dozen different places, and his mobility has rapidly deteriorated. "At times he finds it hard to get out of bed," says his father. "He needs help with dressing, washing and taking to the bathroom. He manages to get to school most days, usually by taxi, and he has a special supportive desk and chair. His walking and balance are affected and he's easily knocked over. Of course, he can't do the normal childhood things, such as running and football. But he's very mature for a 12-year-old, and that's helped a lot."

Osteoporosis is normally associated with getting older, and particularly with post-menopausal women (hence the phrase "dowager's hump" to describe its effect on the spine). But children can suffer from bone loss too – often with devastating results.

Juvenile osteoporosis is often the result of other health problems, such as an inability to absorb calcium (vital for healthy bone growth) and vitamin D (needed for the absorption of calcium). The disorder tends to affect children immobilised by arthritis or cerebral palsy, and is also a side-effect of oral corticosteroid drugs, used for life threatening disorders such as leukaemia.

'Because of my genes... they could be in wheelchairs while I'm still walking about'

But in a small number of children with osteoporosis, such as James, doctors have been unable to find any cause. There are an estimated 50-100 of these children in Britain and they are said to suffer from idiopathic (of unknown origin) juvenile osteoporosis (IJO). "These are perfectly healthy, normal children in all other respects," says Dr Roger Francis, a consultant physician specialising in the disorder at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. "Yet they seem to suffer an imbalance between the cells which build bone and those which destroy them, so that more bone is lost than is replaced."

The result is increasing pain – especially in the back – and immobility, and numerous fractures in the long bones and vertebrae. There may also be difficulty in walking – possibly due to fractures in the feet – and loss of height as the vertebrae squash together.

Research by Roger Francis strongly indicates that genetic factors may be involved. He and his team have carried out bone density scans on the siblings and parents of 10 children with IJO. The results are startling. On average, the bone density of brothers and sisters was significantly lower than expected, and the bone density of parents was also low for their age.

The Browns were one of the families who took part in the research, and James's brother Paul, as well as his father, were found to have low bone density, though both are thought to have a milder form of the disease than James. Paul has since suffered a spinal fracture and complains of stiffness after a day at school. Mr Brown has been prescribed calcium supplements.

At the moment, little can be done for children with IJO, although in severe cases a group of drugs called biphosphonates, used to slow bone loss in adults, are prescribed. "We don't like to use these drugs unless we're really pushed into it, because we don't know if they're safe for children," says Dr Francis. A combination of calcium and vitamin D supplements may also be prescribed, to optimise the amount of calcium in the bone.

The good news is that more than half of these children make a spontaneous recovery after reaching puberty, when their bone density starts to improve. "We don't know why this is, but it may be because of hormonal changes," says Dr Francis. The rest, however, will carry on losing bone, and some will end up severely disabled – a possibility that Jim Brown prefers not to think about.

"Seeing James hurt his back is distressing enough," he says. "But to find out that because of something in my genes, they could both be in wheelchairs later, while I'm still walking about normally – I don't know what I'd do."

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We must not be blind to Nature's cruelty

HEALTH CHECK



JEREMY LAURANCE

WHEN I see the word "natural" on a product I instinctively react with disdain. We have developed an affection for things natural which ignores the fact that nature is frequently downright unpleasant. The pro-nature lobby is, too often, the anti-science lobby in (pretty thin) disguise.

Take pesticides. They arouse great anxiety among consumers. Yet we know far more about their risks and benefits than about the huge variety of moulds and funghi that grow on plants, which might be termed "nature's pesticides". To take one example, aflatoxin produced by a mould that grows on peanuts is one of the most potent carcinogens (cancer-causing substances) known, yet it is perfectly natural. Although I know makers of organic peanut butter sold in health food stores have excellent quality control, I tend to buy the heavily processed sort sold in supermarkets.

What appears natural in one context may also be unnatural, and frankly dangerous, in another – a point never acknowledged by the marketing people.

The best example I know of here is oxygen. What could be more natural than oxygen, the element that makes life possible on earth? Yet oxygen given to premature babies makes them blind.

In the Forties and Fifties there was an epidemic of blindness among premature babies who had been raised for their first days or weeks in incubators. For years the cause was unsuspected, and hundreds of parents bore the tragic consequences. Who, after all, could have suspected that oxygen, given to these babies in higher concentrations because their lungs were immature, was the culprit? The very suggestion invited ridicule, which made the eventual discovery all the more remarkable.

A high concentration of oxygen is damaging to premature babies because the immature tissues of the retina respond to it by closing off their blood vessels which are not yet fully grown. When they are removed from the incubator into the air, with its lower oxygen level, the retina then has an inadequate blood supply and the tissues bud out new blood vessels and strands of fibrous tissue that block the vision and can lead later to retinal detachment.



Many premature babies had their vision damaged by the high oxygen concentrations used in incubators

The discovery of the cause of the condition, which is known as retrolental fibroplasia, is one of the great medical detective stories of the 20th century. It is now known that the damaging effects of oxygen can be prevented by careful measuring of the levels in the blood of the babies, and controls to keep it from rising too high. But there are further risks.

The complex inner lining of the eyeball, composed of cells that transduce light into images, is largely in place by the fourth month of pregnancy. The central retinal artery grows through the optic nerve at the back of the eye and branches out across the surface of the retina in a process that is not complete until near birth. As the technology of the Eighties and Nineties has allowed smaller and smaller infants to survive, requiring more of their retinal blood vessels to develop outside the womb, the condition has made a comeback. We are now, according to a recent issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, in the midst of "a second epidemic" – demonstrating how advances in medicine often come with unforeseen drawbacks.

Nature may be nasty as well as nice, and brutal as well as kind – as the victims of retrolental fibroplasia and their families discovered. "Natural" does not always mean "safe".

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Advertising craves a stream of great new ideas, and some people are not fussy about where they come from. By **Meg Carter**



A scene from the Guinness advert 'Anticipation', the idea for which a film maker claimed was stolen from one of his his productions

So whose idea was it anyway?

Creator of Tintin "was plagiarist", headlines in the French press blared last week. Across the pond, an obscure New York playwright filed a suit against Paramount claiming its current Jim Carey blockbuster, *The Truman Show*, is based on his idea. Closer to home, a British director claimed in the High Court that Guinness copied his work in one of its ads. Just another week in medialand, as new litigants lined up to declare: "Someone's ripped off my idea!"

Opportunists out for what they can get? Some are, undoubtedly. Even so, there's growing concern that an industry hungry for inspiration is growing increasingly ready to "borrow" – the less generous assert "steal" – its creative ideas.

While there is no copyright on an idea there is copyright on "the tangible expression of an idea" – the description, presentation or execution of the idea. However, the fine line that divides the two is becoming increasingly blurred.

The latest example of this involves Guinness, its advertising agency Arks, and a director, Mehdi Norowzian, who claimed a recent Guinness commercial plagiarised one of his films. The ad, "Anticipation", features a man dancing around a pint of Guinness. Norowzian claimed it plagiarised a film he made called *Joy*. He argued that both advertiser and agency were guilty of copyright infringement.

Last Friday, the High Court ruled against Norowzian. The judge in the case said that it was impossible to say "Anticipation" had copied a substantial part of *Joy*, and ordered Norowzian to pay Guinness' costs. Unsurprisingly, Norowzian was unhappy and said: "It leaves too many questions that need answering."

The Guinness dispute is by no means unusual. In June, Turner Prize-winning artist Gillian Wearing accused London ad agency BMP DDB Needham of ripping off her work. BMP's latest commercial for the Volkswagen Golf features an array of characters holding up boards carrying written messages totally contrary to the image of the person holding them.

Wearing's project, "Signs", features a random selection of people stopped in the street and invited to write their thoughts on paper and be photographed holding them – with the same contradictory results. Wearing wrote a letter of complaint to BMP. According to a spokesman for her agent, Interim Arts, there the matter rests. BMP chairman, James Best, told *Campaign* magazine: "I'm sure there's nothing in it. Ideas come from everywhere."

He's got a point. "All ideas lead from other ideas and the whole purpose is to influence," one senior agency executive explains. "To then object that your influence has had an effect on people seems absurd." Although, he grudgingly concedes, there are examples of other people's ideas being used "where credit isn't given where it's due".

Advertising agencies labour under a number of misapprehensions about copyright, says Philip Circus, an advertising law consultant and chairman of the Advertising Legal Group. "There is a widespread belief that if you take someone else's idea and make minor alterations to it that lets you off the hook," he explains. Wrong. "A lot of people in the industry don't know how to copy an idea without copying the tangible expression."

As tricky an area is the use of music. "There is a tendency here for creatives to be asked to go as close to the wire as they can to produce something as evocative as possible of an existing piece of music like the *Star Wars* theme," Mr Circus observes. "There will always be a danger that creatives told to go as close to the line as possible will end up falling over it."

Under the 1988 Copyright Act, anyone who creates a piece of material owns the copyright – unless they are a member of staff, in which case their employer holds the copyright. It is a piece of legislation increasingly being used by creative people working in other parts of the media, notably television. Bernard Clark, director of Clark Productions, claims the number of producers' ideas being ripped off is growing rapidly. "In my experience, many ideas are being stolen and much of this is being done by the BBC," he says.

There are three forms of "idea theft" in television, he explains. "Firstly, there are ideas members of the public suggest." Many are sent in by viewers, most are rarely acknowledged but a number end up, uncredited, on screen. The second is producers who pitch ideas to a commissioning editor, get knocked back (or no reply) and subsequently see "their" programme made by someone else. "Then there's staff and external applicants who go for new jobs, get asked to submit programme ideas and see the best of these made – but not by them."

Clark has been closely involved in the launch of the Alliance for the Protection of Copyright, a group of programme makers and broadcasters intent on tackling the issue of whose idea belongs to whom.

"There is a significant number of people who feel their ideas have been ripped off, but who are mistaken. There's a great deal of coincidence in new ideas – it's a creative industry and creative people are all drawing on similar resources for inspiration," he says.

In the meantime, programme makers are increasingly asking TV companies to sign confidentiality letters when discussing new and proposed ideas. "If you tell someone your idea there is nothing you can do to stop them going off and doing it themselves unless you can prove you gave them that idea in confidence," says Alan Williams, senior partner and head of media and technology at solicitors Denton Hall. The television company could then claim the idea was already being developed for it by someone else but, in this case, the onus would be on the broadcaster to prove it. So put down your idea in writing and develop it as fully as possible.

Even so, many broadcasters remain sceptical about the validity of producers' claims. One in-house broadcast lawyers observes: "Because there's no copyright on ideas it is possible to bring an action for breach of confidence. There's an increasing number of claims for this, many of which are largely spurious."

Of course, it's entirely possible for a number of people to get the same idea at the same time. This justification is often used by broadcasters who, having got wind of a rival's plans, develops a similar idea as a "spoiler" – the reason for the spate of "neighbours from hell" documentaries earlier this year.

A fine line also exists between plagiarism and pastiche or homage. Recently, one of McDonald's World Cup ads featured a meticulous recreation of Eurostar's commercial in which Eric Cantona spouted poetry – same idea, same setting but with a poetic Alan Shearer although in this case, McDonald's did get clearance from Eurostar in advance.

It is usually easy to see who owns a copyright, less so whether that copyright has actually been breached, Circus points out. "Any industry that indulges in a hefty amount of plagiarism risks ending up in the law courts," he adds. "This now looks increasingly likely. Which is a jolly good thing." From the lawyers' point of view, at least.



Two New Zealand playwrights have tried to claim the credit for The Full Monty

Battles For Credit And Cash

LAST MONTH a Californian judge threw out a $100m copyright infringement suit filed by two New Zealand playwrights against the producers of *The Full Monty*. The playwrights claimed the film closely resembled their 10-year-old play, *Ladies Night*. The case may yet be heard in the UK.

Four years ago, Helmut Newton complained after a magazine ad campaign for Liberty featured a series of ads bearing a startling resemblance to his series of photographs of models shot naked and dressed in identical positions. Not guilty, advertising agency Bartle Bogle Hegarty claimed.

The late Hughie Green unsuccessfully fought a court battle to stop New Zealand producers making a show he claimed was a version of *Opportunity Knocks*. Trouble was, little of his original idea was ever committed to paper – his claim was too difficult to prove.

In 1992 a lawsuit was filed against US television producer Aaron Spelling claiming that he stole an idea that HW Broido Jr, a merchandise marketer, had pitched to him. This idea, Broido claimed, became the basis for *Beverly Hills 90210*.

Ogilvy & Mather had to pay compensation to photographer Marc Rimboud after recreating a street scene similar to one of his 1962 photographic compositions in a Rothmans advert.



Aaron Spelling was accused of stealing the idea that became Bevery Hills 90210

Teletubbies rule at the BBC

Analysis

JANE ROBINS

WHEN THE BBC talks of being a global player in world markets, it often favours rhetoric over hard plans. The first annual report of BBC Worldwide, the commercial wing of the corporation, though, gives a hint of how Sir John Birt sees domestic and international expansion in practice.

The tone is one of fast and furious change – indeed the pace seems certain to irritate those BBC competitors who argue that its commercial ambitions are, at root, incompatible with licence-fee funding. The planned expansion is obvious in the one figure in Worldwide's accounts that gets BBC executives excited. This year the company sent £75m to the core BBC, a 42 per cent rise, and that is targeted to rise to £220m by 2006.

Currently, most of Worldwide's £409m sales are in publishing. Magazine spin-offs from BBC programmes have been particularly successful. *BBC Gardener's World* leads the gardening market, and the *Top of the Pops* magazine has overtaken the teeny-boppers' former favourite *Smash Hits*.

It is fortunate for the Beeb, then, that the digital age, and the plethora of new channels about to enter our homes, open up opportunities for a host of new consumer and leisure programmes, each with potential for a spin-off magazine. The prospect is, doubtless, causing much anxiety in publishers' meetings elsewhere in the industry.

If, for instance, the BBC decides to launch a *Motherhood* programme, along with a *Motherhood* magazine, the team at *Mother and Baby* had better watch out. The BBC does, after all, have the advantage of being able to provide free advertising in the form of a half-hour television programme.

He sees the BBC merchandising operation as a sort of mini-Disney

Beyond magazines, Worldwide now wants to expand its general programme-related merchandising. *Teletubbies* has led the way, with dolls, videos, T-shirts and heaven knows what, producing sales worth £23m this year. The new chief executive, Rupert Gavin, who was formerly at British Telecom, seems enthused by a vision of more *Teletubbies*-style projects. He sees the BBC merchandising operation as a sort of mini-Disney, and likes to point out that Pooh Bear is worth $4bn to the American company.

Worldwide is developing a Global Brands division for the likes of *Teletubbies*, *Noddy* and *Top of the Pops*. The next hope is the imminent *Walking with Dinosaurs* series, a feast of "anamatronics" involving *Jurassic Park*-like computer wizardry. The programme will be launched with a range of fancy dinosaur products.

But *Walking with Dinosaurs* could attract some criticism. Mr Gavin says Worldwide worked with the BBC editorial team from the beginning of the dinosaur programmes and wishes, generally, for commercial possibilities to be vigorously explored. This approach is plainly a hair's breadth away from undermining the editorial purity of public-service broadcasting. Commercial prospects are simply not supposed to distort the content of licence-fee-funded programmes.

So, would a Worldwide representative on the early stages of *Walking with Dinosaurs* dare suggest, with profits in mind, that the dinosaurs in question could be cuter? If so, the programme maker would need the strength of character not to be unduly tempted by Worldwide's cash.

The third plank to BBC Worldwide's ambitions is longer-term – in the form of new channels. In 1997/98 the organisation launched six new commercial channels, with the benefit of astute joint ventures with Flextech in the UK and Discovery in America. The new projects are currently making losses of £20m, and losses are expected again next year. But Worldwide activity will, none the less, be frenetic, building on this year's launches, and adding one or two more channels to the portfolio.

In all, BBC Worldwide seems in good shape, but it is, in commercial terms, a peculiar animal. It is unlikely ever to announce enormous profits, as its priority will always be to send dollops of cash back to its only shareholder – the BBC. It is another of the company's advantages that most of the millions recycled to the Beeb enter the books as a cost, rather than a profit – and are therefore not taxed. Clever Sir John.

The Word On The Street

THE ADDITION of "editor in chief" to Paul Dacre's existing title of editor of the *Daily Mail* is not likely to shake the populace. For Associated Newspapers and Mr Dacre (right) it is important news; for the wider world less so. Which makes you wonder why *News at Ten* felt the need to break this less-than-earth-shattering item to its audience of millions last Thursday. Even media-obsessed national newspapers gave his promotion only a three-line slug. Anything to do with the fact that the editor in chief of ITN, which makes *News at Ten*, is one Nigel Dacre – brother of Paul?



AT A Royal Television Society dinner last week Steve Morrison, chief executive of Granada Media Group, waxed lyrical about the programming strengths of his television company. Its history and heritage were beyond compare, he said. As illustration of this he said he welcomed and looked forward to the next instalment of Michael Apted's breathtaking documentary which has followed children from their seventh birthday: *42-Up*. What Morrison failed to mention was that while Granada had made the new instalment, for the first time in 35 years it was not to be aired by Granada or ITV. Instead the BBC had stepped into the breach because ITV refused to air *42-Up*'s sister programmes about 14-year-old children in America.

TROUBLE IS brewing at *The Guardian*, where the new broom of the chief executive, Bob Phillis, is sweeping in distinctly BBC-style cost-cutting methods. The newspaper's news sub-editors are in revolt at a plan to increase their shift rota from eight to nine days a fortnight. It is, of course, that management want it imposed as a condition of the subs getting a pay rise. The Guardian Media Group's £50m profits this year – thanks to a booming classified market at the *Manchester Evening News* and *Auto Trader* – obviously make the cuts vital.

THOSE WHO attended the BBC's annual report shindig last week – at which the Director General and Chairman of the corporation explained themselves to an invited audience of so-called broadcasting stakeholders – were reminded of a parliamentary debate in Russia, circa 1948. The grilling given by assembled worthies to the BBC brass was so limp that "obsequious" is not oily enough a word to describe it. Most prefixed their questions with "may I applaud..." The whole thing was reminiscent of the wonderful spoof of *Points of View* when viewers wrote in to explain that they would gladly sell their children to pay a higher licence fee. Unfortunately the BBC brass now seems to think that is a serious public point of view.

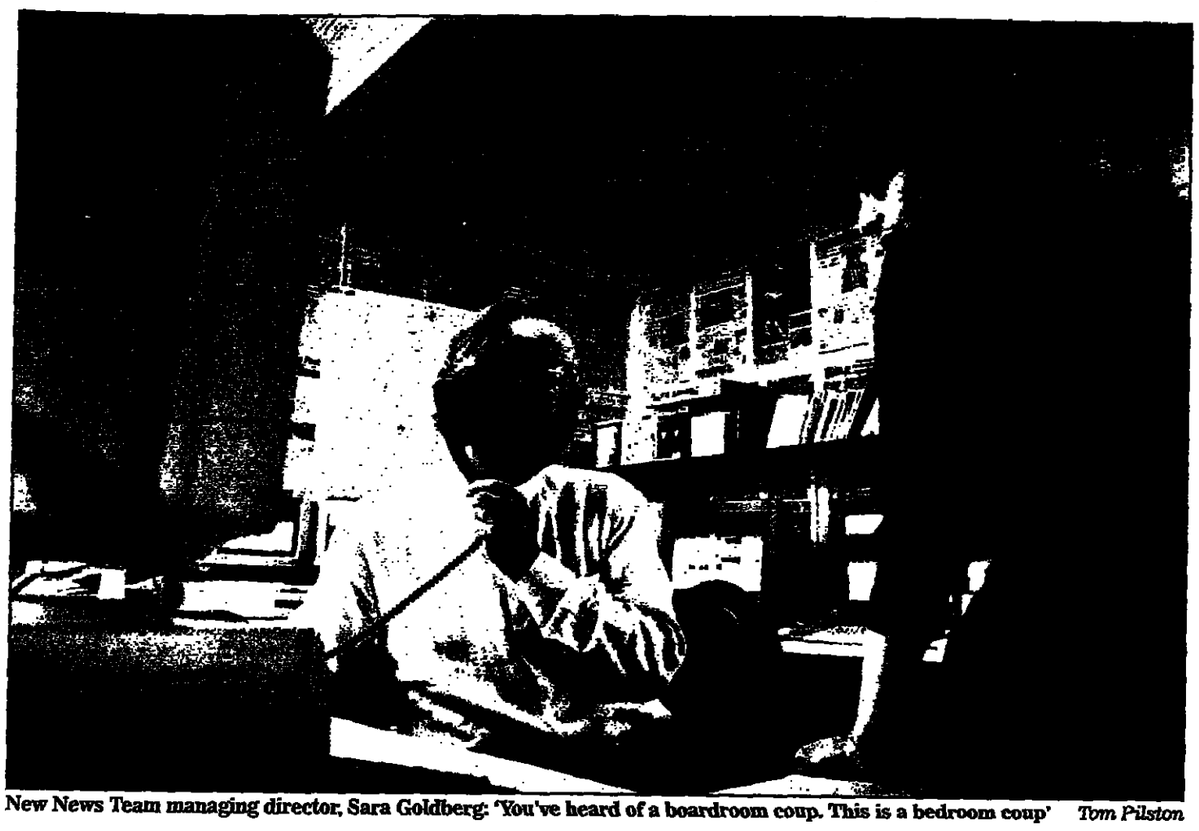
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Time to get off the doorstep

The infamous news agency, News Team, is trying to change its image. By Naomi Marks



New News Team managing director, Sara Goldberg: 'You've heard of a boardroom coup. This is a bedroom coup' *Tom Pilston*

Things are afoot at News Team, the Birmingham news agency that won national notoriety following its unsavoury portrayal in a BBC documentary.

Into the background disappears Nigel Iskander, the former *News of the World* photographer who spent a dozen years building the agency into a million-pound-a-year business. And into the managing director's chair moves Sara Goldberg, Mr Iskander's wife of three years and a woman whose newspaper credentials, she willingly confesses, go little further than that of a consumer.

"You've heard of a boardroom coup? Well, this is a bedroom coup," she explains.

The dark, diminutive and immaculately manicured Ms Goldberg insists it is she and not Mr Iskander who calls the tune to which the agency dances these days.

She is keen to push the image of News Team journalists as "responsible operators" and claims for the agency something of a social mission. While, for many people, it is the image of the foot-in-the-door tabloid hack that represents all that they find distasteful about the journalist's trade, it is the agency reporter or photographer who is more likely to overstep the mark. In one media directory, there are listed close on 100 news agencies covering the UK. And for many years, News Team gloried in the reputation of being the most extreme of them all.

That reputation was secured by News Team's portrayal in "The Tabloid Truth", an *Inside Story* programme that made even some hardened agency journalists blanche. This fly-on-the-wall documentary captured a News Team photographer deliberating over whether to urinate in his McDonald's cup or briefly leave his stake-out of an adulterous couple. It showed a secretary being persuaded to pose as a prostitute to accompany a *News of the World* story and it filmed a reporter camped outside the home of a bereaved couple who were refusing to part with a picture of a dead child.

In short, it opened the eyes of the public to the world of the agency journalist. It is a hard world, and one in which many tabloid greats, including Kelvin MacKenzie, the former editor of *The Sun*, first honed their skills. Usually young, nearly always keen to be noticed by the nationals and sometimes paid by results, it is agency reporters and photographers who, as one veteran of the scene put it, "get on the doorstep earliest and stay longest".

The programme prompted a damage-limitation exercise by the news agencies' trade body, NAPA, which News Team had by then quit membership of anyway. News International, publisher of *The Sun* and *News of the World*, even stopped taking News Team copy for a short time.

So, just four years on, it is unexpected to hear the new head of News Team speaking of the need to "wake up to the potential damage caused to our society" by the press.

Ms Goldberg, whose background includes a spell in the Civil Service and the last few years as a legal adviser, says: "You can't neglect the fact that the press is an industry that does affect our society and our society does need a boost. Society has lost its direction and anything we can do to bring it back on course, we will."

Whatever prompted Ms Goldberg's "coup", and Mr Iskander seems very happy as deposed leader, there is no doubt that the fortunes of News Team have changed drastically of late. Two years ago it employed some 40 reporters and photographers; today it is down to half that number. The last of a handful of satellite offices established in the agency's heyday closes at the end of this month.

To cap it all, competition in Britain's second city, where News Team's energies are now concentrated, is hotting up. Still, Ms Goldberg is upbeat about News Team's future. She is also unfazed by her lack of hands-on news gathering experience. She may never have spent grim hours thumb-twiddling in the back of a van or been bawled at by an irate news editor, but she is confident she can carry the agency forward in, as she says, a responsible manner. Certainly, Ms Goldberg seems to have quickly acquired the time-honoured management techniques of the newsroom. In her first visit to the soon-to-close Manchester office, she left a richly worded memo in which, among other things, she described staff as "disturbed and deranged idiots".

It is possible that in the post-Diana climate, in which the gung-ho tactics of some reporters and photographers are no longer tolerated, Mr Iskander has been born again and his wife is carrying forward the torch for a new, softer form of agency journalism.

Or maybe Mr Iskander has merely adopted the philosophy of Moshe Dayan. As the former Israeli leader is reputed to have said, when asked what he would have done had he not emerged victorious from the six-day war: "I would have started another one in the wife's name."

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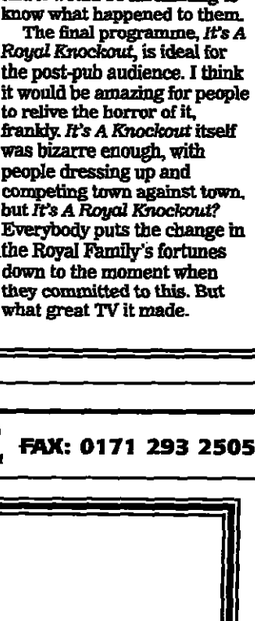
BRITISH TELEVISION has a certain Britishness about it that gives it a unique quality. I've just spent a year in America, where I used to pine for home a lot and watch, on PBS on Friday nights, *To The Manor Born*, *Are You Being Served?*, and *Hetty Wainthropp Investigates*.

And I realised that the best British programmes have an eccentricity and boldness about them. *Dad's Army* is a fantastic example of this. What makes it are its well-devised plots and the brilliant characters – all larger than life, but you can recognise them. The irony is that if it were being pitched nowadays, it would never get made: it's impossible to imagine any commissioning editor, with their obsession with youth, considering a sitcom about a bunch of old men in army uniform. Yet it's one of the most durable comedies there's ever been, and the model for so many other things.

Everyone knows why my next programme, *The Vicar of Dibley*, got sold – a star vehicle for Dawn French. But it's a brilliant star vehicle, and very well-written. My favourite is the Christmas episode where she receives three invitations to Christmas lunch and ends up struggling through three meals so as not to offend anyone.

In a way, my third choice, *This Life*, was a programme waiting to happen. Nobody had ever done anything specifically aimed at twenty-somethings. What I liked about it was that it had an original style, in terms of the way it was shot. And, although the first time you watch it you think "Does this work?", you very quickly get used to it. This tells you a lot about the audience. It's not dissimilar to when we began the *Big Breakfast* news bulletins, and people were initially very critical; literally within a week, though, people had accepted the style. A lot of people making and buying programmes don't give the audience the credit it deserves. Though influenced by *NYPD Blue* and all those Steven Bochco dramas, it had its own uniquely British style, and a good set of characters, all of which you followed.

We then go onto *The Family* – the original docu-soap, which I think was in 12 parts. Very simply, they put a camera in the house of this ordinary working-class family – the Wilkins – from Reading and followed their trials and



tribulations. (Research had said that Reading was the most normal town in Britain.)

It set a style in that it was an insider's rather than an outsider's view. It was compulsive viewing: you really felt you got to know the family, and it would be fascinating to know what happened to them.

The final programme, *It's A Royal Knockout*, is ideal for the post-pub audience. I think it would be amazing for people to relive the horror of it, frankly. *It's A Knockout* itself was bizarre enough, with people dressing up and competing town against town, but *It's A Royal Knockout*? Everybody puts the change in the Royal Family's fortunes down to the moment when they committed to this. But what great TV it made.

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Getting inside our heads

Focus groups can sway Labour and kill toilet cleaners. But are they really any use? By **Helen Jones**



One-way mirrors are often used to watch focus groups in action *Mykel Nicolaou*

Take a couple of sofas, a one-way mirror, half a dozen housewives, copious quantities of crisps and cheap white wine and you have got a focus group that can formulate Labour Party policy or the name of a new brand of washing powder.

Since New Labour swept to power, focus groups have become an essential political tool and are used to gain an insight into the electorate's views on everything from the NHS to Tony Blair's smile. Even the monarchy is using them to help it find the common touch. And the Conservative Party, despite its public derision of focus groups, is not immune – William Hague's year-long "listening campaign", which was launched last week, is nothing more than an elaborate focus group.

"Just because he is going out meeting the people in village halls and shopping centres doesn't mean it's not a focus group," says one senior planner at an advertising agency.

Although politicians have only recently discovered the power of the focus group, advertising agencies have used them for years to assess what consumers think about brands, ad campaigns and new product launches, because there is a lot of investment at stake. In the case of new product launches, eight out of ten fail and companies want to make sure they are among the other 20 per cent.

But all the duff ads that appear on our TV screens and the products that disappear from supermarket shelves have been through focus groups, so do they really work?

One of the problems lies with the consumers who take part. Some may be too shy or too polite to tell the moderator holding the session that the world really does not need another brand of toilet cleaner. Others may say anything for a few glasses of wine and £20, and others may simply lie for the hell of it.

There are also the professional "groupies" who get a kick out of spending their evenings talking about products and advertising and proffering their advice. "They are the ones who say: 'I think your strategy is all wrong. What you need is better category management and a through-the-line approach.' They have got all the jargon and are probably very sad individuals, who failed to get a job in marketing or advertising," says one planning director.

Anna Hutson, the planning director of the advertising agency WCRS, says: "You do get some slightly weird people who are prepared to give up their evenings. The problem is that they often try to tell you what to do. That's our job. We just want to find out what they think about the product."

All-male focus groups can also be a problem, because men tend to be less honest than women. "There is more peer pressure in men's groups because there is a fear of making an idiot of yourself – they won't admit that they find things like financial services confusing, whereas women will be more straightforward," she says.

As well as the bumptious know-alls and the liars, there are the people who regularly turn up for the money – a practice the industry is keen to stamp out.

However, the ad industry insists that if the consumers selected are genuine, focus groups can be helpful. "They are immensely useful to help you get into the heads of the target audience. If you are looking for how they really feel about a brand then it is invaluable," says Janet Grimes, a senior planner at Ogilvy & Mather.

But the moderators running the sessions have to ask the right questions in the first place. Coca-Cola famously used focus groups when it decided to change its formula. Consumers said they liked the new flavour because it was younger and fresher, but nobody asked them if it should replace the old taste. As a result, Coca-Cola had to relaunch the original as Classic Coke within six months.

"If used well, focus groups can be enormously useful; if not, they are not only useless but seriously misleading. I have heard clients say: 'We have got a 50 per cent hit rate with this product,' because four out of the eight people they interviewed said they liked it. In the wrong hands, a focus group can be a dangerous weapon," said Mark Tomblin, a partner in the consultancy Cold Eye.

A lot is down to the skills of the moderator who runs the session. Leading questions such as: "Is brand X better than brand Y?" are out. Instead they use projection or "brand visualisation" techniques, such as: "If this car were an animal, which would it be?" – pretty obvious if the answer is a tiger or a snail, but more difficult for the moderator if a punter with twisted logic or a warped sense of humour thinks it is an aardvark.

Some go one step further than the traditional focus group. The brand consultants Coley Porter Bell regularly film consumers while they are out shopping. The company's managing director, Amanda Connolly, says: "I think focus groups have a role to play, but one of the problems is that consumers can get very rational in a way which bears no relationship to their usual behaviour.

"We film them in context while they are shopping. Then we play back the film and ask them why they picked the products that they did."

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Near where I used to live as a boy, there was a Non-conformist church that used to run bold posters, with proclamations like "God washes whitest of all". But a few well-designed posters alone are not going to change non-churchgoers' attitudes. However, the Church of England has huge opportunities to market itself. Awareness is high, distribution is good – most people can get to a church on foot – and the entry price is low. The cynic in me sometimes feels that the Church of England lost popularity when it stopped preaching hell-fire or eternal bliss. Does it really itself believe in heaven or hell any more? If it does, an advertising campaign should:

- In particular, target young mothers. I think they have a natural concern for their spiritual welfare.
- Look at insurance-selling as a parallel, perhaps. The Church might advertise itself with lines such as "You want a direct line to God?". But there may be more persuasive propositions, as an antidote to so much modern commercial pressure. The Church welcomes you regardless of wealth, and allows you to step out of the rat-race. It promises that God will love you. And all of this starts to sound rather better in the here and now than the negligible chance of winning the National Lottery.
- Be national – 48-sheet posters – spending £5m a year. It only works if the same message is taken into every parish by leaflets and by people knocking on doors. Christian Aid Week is a good model.

SIR TIM BELL, group chairman, Bell Pottinger communications

The Church's biggest problem is that we live in a convenience society, where people consider travelling 20 minutes by car an ordeal. So the idea of sitting in a cold church for an hour singing some fairly dull songs puts people off. The Church has to get back in touch with people and have relevance to their lives. It should:

- Learn from the supermarkets about being customer-friendly – and from the Government. Maybe they could relaunch as the "New Church of England".
- Take the Church to football matches – have every match begin with a prayer. They could get a website – even if they have one, I bet it's obscure. And they should go on TV: they should have, a long time ago, got control of *Songs of Praise*.
- Start a mission to create more Christians. For example, what would be wrong with the Archbishop of Canterbury writing a newspaper column? The issue might be: "Are we behaving properly?" or "Are we communicating the wrong things?", rather than "Let's have a new image".
- Realise that Sunday School is a marvellous opportunity to involve kids. The Bible stories are good stories.
- Make their own community more tightly knit. They don't speak out about anything – divorce, the family, the damage done by unemployment. What all of them should do is re-read the Bible, kneel down in their churches and pray to God for help; maybe they will get it.

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THE THIEF (15)
Director: Pavel Chukhrai
Starring: Misha Philipchuk, Vladimir Mashkov
The Thief is a familiar story, told with competence, but it's only the passionate acting which makes the film special. In his investigation into the psyche of a six-year-old Russian boy in the aftermath of the Second World War, writer-director Pavel Chukhrai tries for that brand of unforced poetry pioneered by Louis Malle and by Tarkovksky. Unfortunately, he doesn't quite pull it off.

Chukhrai does too much of the work for his audience: his film is most striking when it rests on intimation, such as when it is building the relationship between the child, Sanya (Misha Philipchuk), and his mother's lover, Tolyan (Vladimir Mashkov), who wears a soldier's uniform but carries a kit-bag bulging with looted crockery and cutlery. He's the film's thief, and the suggestion is that he has filched more than just other people's goblets: he's stolen the heart of Katya (Ekaterina Rednikova) and the innocence of her little boy, too.

Chukhrai lets the story unfold until the final 15 minutes, when it seems to go disastrously wrong. He tries to tie up the loose ends, but some of us like to have them flapping around in the memory. *CW: Renoir*

GODZILLA (PG)
Director: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno
New York is in turmoil. People are *running* through the streets screaming, and, though the police are desperately trying to restore calm, even they are wondering if the Big Apple will ever recover.

Yes, Tina Brown has left the building. Oh, and there's also a giant lizard rampaging through the streets, lunching on skyscrapers. But never mind all that: what next for Tina?

The team of Roland Emmerich (director and co-writer) and Dean Devlin (producer and co-writer) are generally very adept at constructing enjoyable adventures with a B-movie taste for fun (*Stargate* and *Independence Day*), but their touch evades them on *Godzilla*. The script tosses in characters and conflicts which aren't followed through, and it doesn't take long for it all to descend from a nuclear-age parable to a numb, dumb succession of chases.

It's hard to imagine who might get a kick out of *Godzilla*, except for New Yorkers who like to imagine their city starting again from scratch. *CW: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road*

THE LITTLE MERMAID (U) Animated Feature
Director: John Musker and Ron Clements
Re-released for the summer holidays by Disney, this film provides an odd, unexpected treat. Bright and breezy in style, even its songs are good. *CW: Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End*

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LIFE IS ALL YOU GET (18)
Director: Wolfgang Becker
Starring: Jurgen Vogel, Ricky Tomlinson
Beginning with a riot in Berlin and a man discovering he may be HIV positive, this film really takes you by surprise. In this gritty and absurd film, the drama is never diminished by the humour; and the comedy has real poignancy. *CW: ABC Swiss Centre, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Minema*

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NOW THAT *Friends* is back on the air, you may feel that you're already getting enough of Jennifer Aniston's complicated New York love life, but the real attractions of Nicholas Hytner's **The Object of My Affection** are further down the cast list. Alison Janney is a scream as Aniston's bitchy sister, while Nigel Hawthorne is very dignified as the gay theatre critic who knows his youthful protégé won't be hanging around for long.
On general release

12 Angry Men (*above*) is an interesting choice for an open-air screening, as it is set entirely indoors in a cramped room where a New York jury determines the fate of a young man accused of murder. Henry Fonda nabbed the plum role, playing a man of conscience who confronts the prejudice of his fellow jurors. But he surrounded himself with the cream of New York character actors, including Lee J Cobb, Jack Warden and Jack Klugman. If it's a hot night in Alexandra Park, the sweaty, claustrophobic atmosphere of the jury room should be all the more intense.
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Any parents wondering what to do with small children on holiday should head for Hammersmith and **Dr Dolittle**. Steven Pimlott and his production team turn straw into gold and the Jim Henson animals are a delight.
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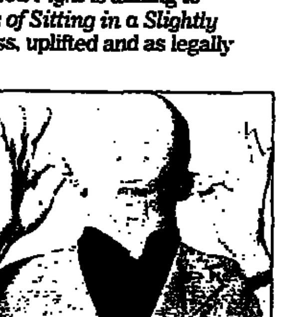
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Christ's Hospital, Horsham, Sussex (0181-300 1155) 6.45pm

Comedy James Rampton

WHILE HIS long-term double-act partner and fellow Giddy Kipper, Henry Naylor, takes a break, **Andy Parsons** (*below*) is striking out as a solo stand-up. In his new show, the host of Channel 5's *Food Fight* is aiming to guide the audience through *The Seven Levels of Sitting in a Slightly Uncomfortable Seat* so they end up "breathless, uplifted and as legally high as possible". Appealingly silly stuff.
The Pleasance, London N7 (0171-609 1800) 9pm



Mike Gunn, also known as "The Funeral Director", goes into areas not normally noted for their comic potential, in his new show, *Good Grief*. On the very edge of tastefulness, this is a dark, humorous take on the subject of death. *The Independent* has described Gunn as "the man who put the fun into funeral".
Canal Café Theatre, London W2 (0171-289 6054) 7pm

GENERAL RELEASE

CITY OF ANGELS (12)
Nicolas Cage plays an angel deciding whether or not to exchange his celestial immortality for domestic bliss with the mortal Meg Ryan in the American take on Wim Wenders's *Wings of Desire*. *West End: ABC Baker St, ABC Tottenham Court Rd, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End*

DREAM WITH THE FISHES (18)
Take a suicidal loser and a junkie with a month to live and give them some time together before an inevitable tearful farewell. Perhaps it's the realisation that *Dream with the Fishes* could so easily have been a nightmare that makes its success seem deserved. *West End: Metro*

GIRLS' NIGHT (15)
Tearjerker which stars Brenda Blethyn as a cancer-sufferer who jets off to Las Vegas for a last holiday with her sister-in-law, played by Julie Walters. Initially bubbly, the film becomes grossly manipulative. *CW: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End*

THE GIRL WITH BRAINS IN HER FEET (15)
Jaunty take on the rites-of-passage genre. The lively script is complemented by the sparkling performance of Joanna Ward as the film's heroine. *West End: Rio Cinema*

GREASE (20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION) (PG)
What fun there can be had from a second viewing of this 20 year old nostalgia film is mostly due to John Travolta's manic performance as the greased up hero. *CW: Clapham Picture House, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero*

GURU IN SEVEN (18)
A thoroughly dismal, witless British comedy which comes on like an Asian version of the Sixties classic, *Alfie*. *CW: ABC Piccadilly, Virgin Trocadero*

KISS OR KILL (18)
Australian road movie come serial killer drama about a couple of scam merchants. Pretentious in some places, it still manages to be agreeably nasty in others. *CW: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Odeon Camden Town*

KURT & COURTNEY (15)
Compulsive documentary, directed by Nick Broomfield, investigating the death of the Nirvana frontman, Kurt Cobain, and the conspiracy theories which emerged in the wake of the event. *CW: Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green, Warner Village West End*

THE LAST TIME I COMMITTED SUICIDE (15)
A dip into the life of the Beat icon Neal Cassady, played by Thomas Jane. There's lots of fast cutting and theatrical lighting, but the film just amounts to the same old Beat cliches. *West End: ABC Piccadilly*

LOVE AND DEATH ON LONG ISLAND (15)
Comedy, starring John Hurt and Jason Priestley, concerned with the relationship between art and life. Writer-director Richard Kwietniowski takes great care in tracing the areas where they overlap. *CW: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House, Gate Notting Hill, Metro, Renoir, Richmond Filmhouse, Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Hill, Virgin Haymarket*

MAD CITY (15)
Dustin Hoffman plays a reporter caught in a hostage situation in a museum, where a disgruntled ex-employee, played by John Travolta, has produced a gun in an attempt to get his job back. The film becomes a series of reflex attacks on the moral bankruptcy of television and, by extension, the late 20th century. *CW: ABC Baker Street, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End*

MIMIC (15)
Mira Sorvino is a doctor who combats a virus that's sweeping New York by developing a rival cockroach species in this ingenious science-fiction horror fable. *CW: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Marble Arch, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End*

MOJO (15)
Set in a mythologised 1950s Soho inhabited by petty gangsters, *Mojo* never entirely escapes its theatrical roots. But it concentrates on sexual tension in a way which American crime movies generally shy away from. *CW: Plaza, Warner Village West End*

THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (15)
See The Independent Recommends, above. CW: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Phoenix Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea

PALMETTO (15)
Ironic film noir directed by Volker Schlöndorff. Harry Barber (Woody Harrelson) is the ex-con who gets mixed up with a pair of duplicitous women. *CW: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End*

PONETTE (15)
French tale of a four-year-old girl (Victoire Thivisol) whose mother dies in a car accident. The young Thivisol is superb, yet it's hard to deny discomfort at watching one so young parade emotion this raw and primal. *CW: Curzon Mayfair, Metro*

SAVIOR (18)
Politically inept war film set in Bosnia. Dennis Quaid stars as a man who loses his family in a Paris bomb blast and avenges their deaths by gunning down a row of Muslims at prayer before becoming a hired killer. *West End: Virgin Haymarket*

SLING BLADE (15)
Intelligent and unsettling drama starring writer-director Billy Bob Thornton as a mentally disabled man who is released into the outside world after spending his life in an institution. *CW: Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket*

SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS (12)
Implausably contrived romantic comedy in which Harrison Ford plays a boozy pilot who crash-lands with a New York magazine editor (Anne Heche) on a remote island. *CW: Barbican Screen, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea*

STIFF UPPER LIPS (15)
One of the most cheerfully pleasurable British movies in recent memory from the man who co-directed the abysmal *Leon the Pig Farmer*. The film is a series of inspired riffs on Merchant/Ivory productions. *West End: Plaza, Virgin Chelsea*

THE TASTE OF CHERRY (PG)
The joint winner of last year's Palme d'Or has taken a year to get a release over here, but thanks to highly naturalistic performances, it's a hypnotic and moving experience. *West End: Renoir*

TOUCH (15)
Paul Schrader's adaptation of Elmore Leonard's novel turns a breezy satire into a rather heavy-handed investigation into religious conviction. *CW: Plaza*

THE WAR AT HOME (15)
Tale of a traumatised Vietnam veteran on his return home to Texas adapted from James Duff's Broadway play, *Homefront*. *CW: Plaza*

CINEMA
WEST END

ABC BAKER STREET
(0171-935 9772) ⊖ Baker Street **Godzilla** 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.05pm **Mad City** 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 8.25pm **Sliding Doors** 6.10pm

ABC PANTON STREET
(0171-930 0631) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus **As Good As It Gets** 2pm, 5pm, 8pm **The Big Lebowski** 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm **Jackie Brown** 1.30pm, 4.40pm, 7.45pm **Washington Square** 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm

ABC PICCADILLY
(0171-437 3561) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus **Guru In Seven** 3.25pm, 8.25pm **Martha - Meet Frank, Daniel & Laurence** 1.25pm, 6.10pm **Mrs Brown** 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE
(0171-836 6279) ⊖ Leicester Square **Kiss Or Kill** 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm **Live Flesh** 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6pm, 8.25pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE
(0171-439 4470) ⊖ Leicester Square **Deconstructing Harry** 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm **Life Is All You Get** 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm **My Son The Fanatic** 6pm **Shall We Dance?** 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 8.40pm **The Taste Of Cherry** 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD
(0171-636 6148) ⊖ Tottenham Court Road **City Of Angels** 1.10pm, 6.35pm **Godzilla** 12.30pm, 3.25pm, 6.20pm, 9.15pm **The Object Of My Affection** 3.50pm, 9.20pm **The Wedding Singer** 1.50pm, 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm

BARBICAN SCREEN
(0171-382 7000) ⊖ Moorgate **The General** 6pm **Love And Death On Long Island** 8.40pm **Sling Blade** 6pm, 8.40pm

CHELSEA CINEMA
(0171-351 3742) ⊖ Sloane Square **Love And Death On Long Island** 2.20pm, 4.25pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE
(0171-498 2242) ⊖ Clapham Common **Godzilla** 12noon, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm **Life Is All You Get** 7pm, 9.30pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 4.15pm **Sling Blade** 3.45pm, 9pm **Sliding Doors** 1.15pm, 6.45pm

CURZON MAYFAIR
(0171-369 1720) ⊖ Green Park **Titanic** 2.30pm, 7.30pm

ELEPHANT & CASTLE CORONET
(0171-703 4968) ⊖ Elephant & Castle **Godzilla** 2.30pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm **Mad City** 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE
(0171-437 1234) ⊖ Leicester Square **Godzilla** 11.20am, 2.20pm, 5.30pm, 8.40pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 12.40pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 9pm **Sliding Doors** 1pm, 3.20pm, 5.50pm, 8.10pm

GATE NOTTING HILL
(0171-727 4043) ⊖ Notting Hill Gate **Love And Death On Long Island** 1.55pm, 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 8.55pm

HAMMERSMITH VIRGIN
(0870-9070718) ⊖ Ravenscourt Park **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.30pm, 2.20pm, 4.15pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 12.45pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm **The Little Mermaid** 12noon, 2pm, 4.10pm **Mad City** 6.15pm, 9pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 6pm, 8.30pm **The Wedding Singer** 8.45pm

METRO
(0171-437 0757) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square **Love And Death On Long Island** 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm **Ponette** 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

CURZON MINEMA
(0171-369 1723) ⊖ Knightsbridge **Life Is All You Get** 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

NOTTING HILL CORONET
(0171-727 6705) ⊖ Notting Hill Gate **Godzilla** 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm

ODEON CAMDEN TOWN
(0181-315 4229) ⊖ Camden Town **Godzilla** 1.45pm, 5pm, 8.15pm **Kiss Or Kill** 3.20pm, 8.40pm **The Object Of My Affection** 12.45pm, 6.05pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 12.50pm, 3.35pm, 6.15pm, 9pm **Sling Blade** 1.40pm, 5.10pm, 8.25pm **The Wedding Singer** 12.05pm, 2.20pm, 4.35pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm

ODEON HAYMARKET
(0181-315 4212) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus **The Wedding Singer** 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm

ODEON KENSINGTON
(0181-315 4214) ⊖ High Street Kensington **City Of Angels** 7pm, 9.40pm **Godzilla** 6pm, 9.10pm **The Object Of My Affection** 6.45pm, 9.30pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 7pm, 9.35pm **The Wedding Singer** 7.15pm, 9.45pm

ODEON MARBLE ARCH
(0181-315 4216) ⊖ Marble Arch **City Of Angels** 6.35pm, 9.20pm **Godzilla** 11.30am, 1.15pm, 2.40pm, 5.05pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm, 9pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 12.15pm, 3.20pm, 6.15pm, 9.05pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.15pm, 2.25pm, 4.30pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm

ODEON MEZZANINE
(0181-315 4215) ⊖ Leicester Square **As Good As It Gets** 5.45pm, 8.25pm **Point Blank** 6.30pm, 8.55pm **The Replacement Killers** 6.35pm, 8.45pm **Scream 2** 6.05pm, 8.35pm

ODEON SWISS COTTAGE
(0181-315 4220) ⊖ Swiss Cottage **The Big Lebowski** 12.35pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.35pm **City Of Angels** 12.25pm, 3.05pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm **Godzilla** 2pm, 5.10pm, 8.05pm **The Little Mermaid** 1pm, 3pm, 5pm **Point Blank** 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.35pm, 8.55pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm **Sliding Doors** 6.50pm, 9pm

ODEON WEST END
(0181-315 4221) ⊖ Leicester Square **The Object Of My Affection** 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.05pm, 8.40pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm

PHOENIX CINEMA
(0181-444 6789) ⊖ East Finchley **Live Flesh** 8.45pm **Washington Square** 4pm **The Wedding Singer** 6.40pm

PLAZA
(0171-437 1234) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus **Deep Impact** 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm **Godzilla** 1.15pm, 4.25pm, 8pm **Mojo** 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.20pm **Touch** 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.15pm

RENOIR
(0171-837 8402) ⊖ Russell Square **Love And Death On Long Island** 2.20pm, 4.25pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm **The Thief** 2.35pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm

RIO CINEMA
(0171-254 6677) BR: Dalston Kingsland **Godzilla** 2pm, 5pm, 8pm

RITZY CINEMA
(0171-737 2121/733 2229) BR/⊖ Brixton **All Dogs Go To Heaven** 10.30am **The Big Lebowski** 12.15, 9.25pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 3pm, 6.15pm, 9pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 4.45pm, 7.05pm **Kurt & Courtney** 12.35pm, 2.40pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm **The Lost World: Jurassic Park** 10.30am **Love And Death On Long Island** 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm **Ma Vie En Rose** 3.05pm (+ The City Of Lost Children) **Sling Blade** 12.30pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.50pm **Withnail & I** 2.45pm

SCREEN ON BAKER STREET
(0171-486 0036) ⊖ Baker Street **Kurt & Courtney** 2.40pm, 4.45pm, 6.50pm, 8.55pm **Love And Death On Long Island** 2.50pm, 4.55pm, 7pm, 9.05pm

SCREEN ON THE GREEN
(0171-226 3520) ⊖ Angel/Highbury & Islington **Kurt & Courtney** 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

SCREEN ON THE HILL
(0171-435 3366) ⊖ Belsize Park **Love And Death On Long Island** 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm (+ Short: Toy Boys)

UCI WHITELEYS
(0171-792 3332) ⊖ Bayswater **Anastasia** 11am **Barney's Great Adventure** 11.15am, 1pm, 3.05pm, 5.05pm **City Of Angels** 12.45pm, 3.30pm, 6.35pm, 9.20pm **Godzilla** 11.10am, 11.40am, 2.20pm, 2.50pm, 5.30pm, 6pm, 8.40pm, 9.05pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 1.35pm, 4.15pm, 6.55pm, 9.35pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.20pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm **Mad City** 1.10pm, 3.55pm, 6.40pm, 9.25pm **MouseHunt** 11.25am **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.15pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm **Sliding Doors** 7.15pm, 9.45pm **Star Kid** 11.05am **The Wedding Singer** 7pm, 9.30pm

VIRGIN CHELSEA
(0870-9070710) ⊖ Sloane Square/South Kensington **Barney's Great Adventure** 12noon, 2pm, 4pm **Godzilla** 1.30pm, 5pm, 8.15pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.10pm, 2.20pm, 4.10pm **The Object Of My Affection** 6pm, 8.30pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm **The Wedding Singer** 7pm, 9.15pm

VIRGIN FULHAM ROAD
(0870-9070711) ⊖ South Kensington **The Big Lebowski** 1.40pm, 4.20pm, 7.10pm, 9.40pm **City Of Angels** 1.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.30pm **Mad City** 12.30pm, 3.30pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm **Sling Blade** 9pm **Sliding Doors** 1.50pm, 5.15pm, 8pm

VIRGIN HAYMARKET
(0870-9070712) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus **The Apostle** 2pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm **Love And Death On Long Island** 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm **Sling Blade** 2pm, 5pm, 8pm

VIRGIN TROCADERO
(0870-9070716) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm **City Of Angels** 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9pm **Dark City** 12.20pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.20pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 9pm **Guru In Seven** 6.20pm, 8.50pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 4.15pm **Mad City** 12.20pm, 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm **Mimic** 6.10pm, 9pm **Soul Food** 12.30pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.50pm

WARNER VILLAGE WEST END
(0171-437 4347) ⊖ Leicester Square **The Big Lebowski** 11.50am, 2.50pm, 5.50pm, 9pm **City Of Angels** 12.40pm, 1.40pm, 3.20pm, 4.10pm, 6pm, 6.50pm, 8.40pm, 9.30pm **Kurt & Courtney** 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.25pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.40pm, 2.40pm, 4.40pm **Mad City** 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm **Mimic** Mon-Wed 1.10pm, 3.30pm **Mojo** 7pm, 9.30pm **Titanic** 12noon, 4pm, 8pm **The Wedding Singer** 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm

CINEMA
LONDON LOCALS

ACTON
PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) ⊖ Park Royal **Barney's Great Adventure** 11.30am, 1.10pm, 2.50pm, 4.40pm **City Of Angels** 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm **Godzilla** 11.10am, 12noon, 12.40pm, 2.10pm, 3pm, 3.40pm, 5.10pm, 6pm, 6.40pm, 8.10pm, 9pm, 9.30pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.45pm, 9.25pm **Guru In Seven** 7.30pm **The Little Mermaid** 11.40am, 1.50pm, 3.55pm, 5.45pm **Mad City** 2.20pm, 4.50pm, 7.20pm, 9.55pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm **Soul Food** 10.05pm **The Wedding Singer** 6.20pm, 8.45pm

BARKING
ODEON (0181-507 8444) ⊖ Barking **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.25pm, 2pm, 3.35pm, 5.10pm **Deep Impact** 1.15pm, 6.15pm **Godzilla** 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm **Guru In Seven** 6.25pm, 8.45pm **The Little Mermaid** 1.10pm, 2.55pm, 4.40pm **Mad City** 3.40pm, 8.40pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.35pm, 8.50pm **Sliding Doors** 6.45pm, 8.55pm **The Wedding Singer** 12.15pm, 2.25pm, 4.35pm, 6.45pm, 8.55pm

BARNET
ODEON (0181-315 4210) ⊖ High Barnet **Barney's Great Adventure** 1.15pm, 3pm, 4.45pm **Godzilla** 1.50pm, 5pm, 8.10pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.40pm, 2.40pm, 4.40pm, 6.40pm **Mad City** 8.40pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.45pm **Sliding Doors** 6.35pm, 8.50pm **The Wedding Singer** 1.20pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm

BECKENHAM
ABC (0870 9020412) BR: Beckenham Junction **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 5pm **Godzilla** 1.15pm, 4.30pm, 8.15pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.45pm, 3pm, 5.15pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 6.45pm **The Wedding Singer** 6.50pm, 9pm

BEXLEYHEATH
CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR: Bexleyheath **Barney's Great Adventure** 11.40am, 1.30pm, 3.20pm **City Of Angels** 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm **Deep Impact** 9.30pm **Godzilla** 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 12.20pm, 2.40pm, 5pm, 7.20pm, 9.45pm **The Little Mermaid** 11.15am, 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm **The Object Of My Affection** 9.15pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm, 9.10pm **Sliding Doors** 5.10pm, 7pm **The Wedding Singer** 12.30pm, 2.45pm, 4.50pm, 7.05pm, 9.20pm

CATFORD
ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Catford **City Of Angels** 8.30pm **Godzilla** 1.30pm, 4.45pm, 8pm **The Little Mermaid** 1pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm

CROYDON
CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Croydon West/East **Love And Death On Long Island** 4pm, 6pm, 8pm

FAIRFIELD HALLS (0181-688 9291) BR: East Croydon **The Big Lebowski** 2.45pm, 7.30pm

SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon **Godzilla** 12noon, 2.40pm, 5.15pm, 8pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm **Kareeb** 8.45pm **The Little Mermaid** 2pm, 3.45pm, 5.30pm, 7pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 8090) BR: East Croydon **Barney's Great Adventure** 10.40am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm **City Of Angels** 11.20am, 1.40pm, 4.20pm, 7.05pm, 9.50pm **Godzilla** 11.10am, 12noon, 12.40pm, 2.10pm, 3pm, 3.40pm, 5.10pm, 6pm, 6.40pm, 8.10pm, 9pm, 9.40pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm **The Little Mermaid** 10.50am, 1pm, 3.10pm, 5.20pm **Mad City** 7.20pm, 10pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.10pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm **The Wedding Singer** 6.10pm, 8.30pm

DAGENHAM
WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592 2020) ⊖ Dagenham Heathway **Barney's Great Adventure** 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5.20pm **Chubby Goes Down Under And Other Sticky Regions** 7.40pm, 9.50pm **City Of Angels** 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm **Godzilla** 10.15am, 11.30am, 12.10pm, 1pm, 2.30pm, 3.10pm, 3.50pm, 5.30pm, 6.10pm, 6.40pm, 8.30pm, 9.10pm, 9.40pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 12.50pm, 3.25pm, 6pm, 8.40pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.20pm, 2.20pm, 4.20pm **Mad City** 6.20pm, 9pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 2.20pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm **The Wedding Singer** 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm

EALING
VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-9070719) BR/⊖ Ealing Broadway **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm **Godzilla** 12.05pm, 3.05pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.30pm, 2.25pm, 4.20pm **The Object Of My Affection** 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 6.20pm, 8.50pm

EDGWARE
BELLE-VUE (0181-381 2556) ⊖ Edgware **The Little Mermaid** 3.35pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 2.20pm, 5.05pm, 8.20pm **Sliding Doors** 5.35pm, 8.35pm

EDMONTON
LEE VALLEY UCI 12 (0990-888990) ⊖ Tottenham Hale **Barney's Great Adventure** 2.30pm, 4.45pm **The Big Lebowski** Thu 9.45pm **City Of Angels** 12.50pm, 3.45pm, 6.45pm, 9.45pm **Gharwali Baharwali** 8.30pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 12.30pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 3.30pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 9.30pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6.20pm, 9.20pm **The Little Mermaid** 2.20pm, 5.20pm **Mad City** 5.45pm **Mimic** 10.15pm **The Object Of My Affection** 7.15pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 2.10pm, 4.40pm, 7.30pm, 10.10pm **Sliding Doors** 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.40pm, 9.40pm **Soul Food** 12.05pm, 2.45pm, 8.45pm **The Wedding Singer** 11.50am, 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8 40pm

FELTHAM
CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 0555) BR: Feltham **Barney's Great Adventure** 11.40am, 1.40pm, 3.30pm, 5.20pm **City Of Angels** 11.20am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm **Deep Impact** 11.10am, 1.50pm, 6.40pm **Dulhe Raja** 3.30pm, 9.50pm **Gharwali Baharwali** 12.20pm, 6.40pm **Godzilla** 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 11.30am, 2pm, 4.25pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm **Kareeb** 11.20am, 3.10pm, 6.20pm, 9.30pm **The Little Mermaid** 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm **Mad City** 7.10pm, 9.40pm **Major Saab** 12.10pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9.15pm **The Object Of My Affection** 9.30pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 11.50am, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.20pm, 9.45pm **Sliding Doors** 4.30pm, 9.20pm **The Wedding Singer** 12.30pm, 2.50pm, 5.10pm, 7.20pm, 9.35pm

FINCHLEY
WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 9344) ⊖ East Finchley/Finchley Central **Barney's Great Adventure** 1pm, 2.50pm, 4.50pm **City Of Angels** 7.20pm, 9.55pm **Godzilla** 11.30am, 12.40pm, 1.55pm, 2.40pm, 3.35pm, 5.05pm, 5.40pm, 6.30pm, 8.15pm, 8.50pm, 9.25pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.35pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.10pm, 2.20pm, 4.40pm **Mad City** 1.40pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm, 9.45pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.30pm **The Wedding Singer** 6.50pm, 9.10pm

GOLDERS GREEN
ABC (0181-455 1724) ⊖ Golders Green **Godzilla** 1.45pm, 5pm, 8pm

GREENWICH
CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich **City Of Angels** 9.05pm **Godzilla** 12.35pm, 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm **The Little Mermaid** 1pm, 3pm, 5.10pm **The Object Of My Affection** 6.45pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 7pm, 9 30pm **Sliding Doors** 2.30pm, 4.45pm

HAMPSTEAD
ABC (0870-9020413) ⊖ Belsize Park **Barney's Great Adventure** 2.40pm, 4.40pm, 6.35pm **Godzilla** 2pm, 5pm, 8pm **The Little Mermaid** 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.35pm **Sliding Doors** 8.40pm

HARROW
SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303) ⊖ Harrow-on-the-Hill/Harrow & Wealdstone **Dushman** 8.45pm **Ghulam** 1.30pm, 5pm **Kareeb** 1.30pm, 5pm **Major Saab** 8.45pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427 9009) ⊖ Harrow on the Hill **Barney's Great Adventure** 10.10am, 12.05pm, 2pm, 3.55pm, 5.50pm **City Of Angels** 10am, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm **Godzilla** 9.30am, 9.50am, 11.35am, 12.20pm, 12.40pm, 2.40pm, 3.15pm, 5.35pm, 6.10pm, 6.35pm, 8.30pm, 9.05pm, 9.30pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 10.45am, 1.10pm, 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm **Guru In Seven** 6.30pm **The Little Mermaid** 11.15am, 1.20pm, 3.25pm, 5.20pm **Mad City** 7.25pm, 9.50pm **The Object Of My Affection** 8.50pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 7.45pm, 10pm **Titanic** 12.30pm **The Wedding Singer** 2.50pm, 5.05pm, 7.15pm, 9.40pm

HOLLOWAY
ODEON (0181-315 4213) ⊖ Holloway Road/Archway **Barney's Great Adventure** 1.15pm, 2.55pm, 4.55pm **City Of Angels** 1.05pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.35pm **Godzilla** 11.40am, 2.05pm, 2.35pm, 5pm, 5.30pm, 7.55pm, 8.25pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.15pm, 2pm, 3.50pm **Mad City** 6.15pm, 8.45pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 6.35pm, 8.50pm **Sliding Doors** 1.25pm, 3.45pm, 6.45pm, 9.05pm

ILFORD
ODEON (0181-315 4223) ⊖ Gants Hill **Barney's Great Adventure** 12noon, 1.50pm, 4pm **City Of Angels** 6pm, 8.40pm **Godzilla** 11.10am, 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm **The Little Mermaid** 11.50am, 1.50pm, 4pm **Mimic** 6pm, 8.40pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.10pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm **The Wedding Singer** 1pm, 3.20pm, 5.45pm, 8.35pm

KINGSTON
ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston **Barney's Great Adventure** 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm **Godzilla** 1.30pm, 5pm, 8pm **The Little Mermaid** 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.35pm **Sliding Doors** 8.30pm

MUSWELL HILL
ODEON (0181-315 4217) ⊖ Highgate **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.50pm, 2.35pm, 4.20pm **City Of Angels** 6.10pm, 8.35pm **Godzilla** 1.50pm, 5.05pm, 8.10pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.20pm, 2.15pm, 4.25pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 6.25pm, 8.45pm

PECKHAM
PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rye **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.15pm, 1.55pm, 3.35pm **City Of Angels** 2.05pm, 4.35pm, 6.55pm, 9.20pm **Deep Impact** 12.25pm **Godzilla** 12.35pm, 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4pm **Mimic** 6.25pm, 9pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.40pm **Soul Food** 6.50pm, 9.25pm **Titanic** 3pm

PURLEY
ABC (0870-9020407) BR: Purley **Barney's Great Adventure** 2.50pm, 4.50pm, 6.50pm **Godzilla** 2pm, 5pm, 8pm **The Little Mermaid** 2.40pm, 4.40pm, 6.40pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.30pm **Sliding Doors** 8.40pm

PUTNEY
ABC (0870 9020401) ⊖ Putney Bridge BR: Putney. **Barney's Great Adventure** 2.15pm, 4.15pm, 6.15pm **Godzilla** 1.45pm, 5pm, 8.15pm **The Little Mermaid** 2.15pm, 4.15pm, 6.15pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.30pm **The Wedding Singer** 8.45pm

RICHMOND
ODEON (0181-315 4218) BR/⊖ Richmond **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.50pm, 2.40pm, 4.40pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.40pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm **Mojo** 7pm, 9.30pm **Touch** 6.45pm, 9.40pm

ODEON STUDIO (0181-315 4218) BR/⊖ Richmond **City Of Angels** 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9pm **The Object Of My Affection** 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm **The Wedding Singer** 1.30pm, 4pm, 7pm, 9.30pm

ROMFORD
ABC (0870-9020419) BR: Romford. **Barney's Great Adventure** 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 6.10pm **Godzilla** 1.55pm, 4.55pm, 8pm **The Little Mermaid** 1.40pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm **Mad City** 8.10pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.25pm

ODEON LIBERTY 2 (01708-729040) BR: Romford **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 4.15pm **City Of Angels** 12.45pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.35pm **Deep Impact** 12.15pm, 2.50pm, 5.30pm, 8.10pm **Godzilla** 2pm, 5.10pm, 8.20pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 12.40pm, 3.30pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm **Mad City** 6.10pm, 8.30pm **Mimic** 6.30pm, 8.45pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm **The Wedding Singer** 2.20pm, 4.35pm, 6.40pm, 8.50pm

SIDCUP
ABC (0541-555131) BR: Sidcup **Godzilla** 1.30pm, 4.45pm, 8.05pm **The Little Mermaid** 1pm, 3.35pm, 6pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.45pm

STAPLES CORNER
VIRGIN (0870-9070717) BR: Cricklewood **Barney's Great Adventure** 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 4.15pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 1.30pm, 3pm, 5.10pm 6pm, 8pm, 9pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 2.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm **The Little Mermaid** 12noon, 2pm, 4pm **Mad City** 6.10pm, 8.45pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.15pm **The Wedding Singer** 6pm, 8.30pm

STREATHAM
ABC (0870-9020415) BR: Streatham Hill **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 2.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm **Mad City** 1.40pm, 6.20pm **The Object Of My Affection** 2.25pm, 5.45pm, 8.35pm **Sliding Doors** 4.05pm, 9pm

ODEON (0181-315 4219) BR: Streatham Hill/⊖ Brixton/Clapham Common **Barney's Great Adventure** 1.05pm, 2.50pm, 4.35pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.20pm, 2.15pm, 4.10pm, 6.05pm **Mimic** 8.50pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 6.20pm, 8.50pm **Soul Food** 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm **The Wedding Singer** 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

STRATFORD
NEW STRATFORD PICTURE HOUSE (0181-555 3366) BR/⊖ Stratford East **Godzilla** 12.15pm, 3.05pm, 6pm, 9pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 1.40pm, 7pm **Guru In Seven** 6.40pm, 9.05pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.45pm, 2.40pm, 4.40pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 2.15pm, 4.35pm, 6.55pm, 9.15pm **Sliding Doors** 4.10pm, 9.20pm

SUTTON
UCI 6 (0990-888990) BR: Sutton/⊖ Morden **Barney's Great Adventure** 11.45am, 2.30pm, 4.15pm **City Of Angels** 7.15pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 3.45pm, 9.15pm **The Little Mermaid** 12.45pm, 2.45pm, 5.15pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 6.45pm, 9.30pm **Sliding Doors** 1.30pm **U-Turn** 6.30pm **The Wedding Singer** 9.45pm

TURNPIKE LANE
CORONET (0181-888 2519) ⊖ Turnpike Lane. **City Of Angels** 3.45pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm **Godzilla** 2.30pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm

UXBRIDGE
ODEON (01895-813139) ⊖ Uxbridge **Godzilla** 1.20pm, 4.30pm, 8.10pm **The Little Mermaid** 1.10pm, 4pm, 6pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.45pm

WALTHAMSTOW
ABC (0870-9020424) ⊖ Walthamstow Central **Barney's Great Adventure** 2pm, 4pm, 6pm **City Of Angels** 8.20pm **Godzilla** 1.30pm, 4.55pm, 8pm **The Little Mermaid** 1.40pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.30pm

WALTON ON THAMES
THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR: Walton on Thames **Godzilla** 2pm, 5.10pm, 8.05pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 4.15pm, 6.30pm **The Little Mermaid** 2.20pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.45pm

WELL HALL
CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: Eltham **Godzilla** 1.45pm, 5pm, 8.05pm **The Little Mermaid** 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.40pm

WILLESDEN
BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822) ⊖ Willesden Green **Six Days, Seven Nights** 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm

WIMBLEDON
ODEON (0181-315 4222) BR/⊖ Wimbledon/⊖ South Wimbledon **Barney's Great Adventure** 11.45am, 1.20pm, 2.55pm, 4.30pm **City Of Angels** 8.30pm **Godzilla** 10.50am, 1.50pm, 5pm, 8.10pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 10.45am, 1.05pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm **The Little Mermaid** 11.35am, 1.20pm, 3.10pm, 5pm **The Object Of My Affection** 6.20pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm **Sliding Doors** 8.45pm **The Wedding Singer** 6.45pm

WOODFORD
ABC (0181-989 3463) ⊖ South Woodford **Barney's Great Adventure** 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 6.10pm **City Of Angels** 8.20pm **Godzilla** 1.50pm, 4.55pm, 7.55pm **The Little Mermaid** 1.55pm, 3.55pm, 5.55pm **Six Days, Seven Nights** 8.30pm

WOOLWICH
CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal **Godzilla** 1.45pm, 5pm, 8.05pm **Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)** 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm

CINEMA
REPERTORY

LONDON
ALEXANDRA PALACE: *STARLIGHT OPEN AIR CINEMA* Alexandra Palace Way N22 (0171-604 3100) **12 Angry Men (U)** Gates open at 6.30pm, film commences at sunset

CINE LUMIERE AT THE INSTITUT FRANCAIS Queensberry Place SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) **Love Etc (15)** 7.30pm

ICA The Mall SW1 (0171-930 3647) **Organ (NC)** 2.30pm, 8.30pm **Wednesday 19.7.1961 (Sreda) (NC)** 5pm, 9pm **The Entire History Of The Louisiana Purchase (NC)** 6.30pm **Live Flesh (18)** 7pm

NFT South Bank SE1 (0171-633 0274/cc 928 3232) **As Good As It Gets (15)** 2.30pm **The Long Duel: Ken Annakin (NC)** 6.15pm **Late Spring (15)** 6.30pm **Mary Morris: Television (NC)** 7.30pm **Early Summer: Yasujiro Ozu (NC)** 8.30pm **Film Culture Retrospective: Avant Garde Showcase (NC)** 8.40pm

PEPSI IMAX The Trocadero, Piccadilly Circus W1 (0171-494 4153) **Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) (U)** 11am, 1.05pm, 5.20pm **L5-City In Space (NC)** 12.10pm, 2.15pm, 4.25pm, 6.30pm, 8.25pm **Everest (U)** 3.20pm, 7.50pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) **Red Corner (15)** 3.45pm **Dark City (15)** 6.30pm **Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil (15)** 9pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0181-237 1111/cc 420 0100) **Mean Streets (18)** 6.30pm + Taxi Driver 8.40pm

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middx (0181-568 1176) **The Little Mermaid (U)** 1pm, 3pm **Girls' Night (15)** 5pm, 9pm **Sliding Doors (15)** 7pm

BRIGHTON
DUKE OF YORK'S CINEMA (01273-626261) **L.A. Confidential (18)** 6.30pm **Love And Death On Long Island (15)** 4.30pm, 9.15pm

BRISTOL
WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) **Live Flesh (18)** 6pm **Shall We Dance? (PG)** 6.05pm **Point Blank (18)** 8.15pm **Kurt & Courtney (15)** 8.25pm

CAMBRIDGE
ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) **Sling Blade (15)** 2pm, 9pm **The Story Of The Late Chrysanthemums (NC)** 4.30pm **Kurt & Courtney (15)** 7.10pm

CARDIFF
CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) **Spice Girls: Shorts (NC)** 7.30pm **Les Voleurs (18)** 8pm

CHICHESTER
FESTIVAL THEATRE: THE MINERVA MOVIE FESTIVAL (01243-781312) **Othello (1955 version) (U)** 6.30pm **A Room With A View (PG)** 9pm

IPSWICH
FILM THEATRE (01473-215544) **The Girl With Brains In Her Feet (15)** 2.30pm, 8.15pm **The Taste Of Cherry (PG)** 6pm **The Big Lebowski (18)** 6.15pm **The Real Blonde (15)** 8.30pm

NORWICH
CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) **The James Gang (15)** 2.30pm, 5.45pm **Kundun (12)** 8.15pm

PLYMOUTH
PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114) **Martha - Meet Frank, Daniel & Laurence (15)** 8pm

THEATRE
WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. ● — Seats at all prices ▶ — Seats at some prices ○ — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun, [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thu, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

▶ **2.5 MINUTE RIDE** Lisa Kron's one-woman show glides effortlessly from comedy to deep pathos. **Barbican: The Pit** Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) ⊖ Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £12-£15.

▶ **ART** Richard Griffiths, Tony Haygarth, Malcolm Storry in Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship. **Wyndham's** Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) ⊖ Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7][1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins.

● **BLOOD BROTHERS** Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. **Phoenix** Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) ⊖ Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £10.50-£29.50. 165 mins.

● **BUDDY** Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. **Strand** Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) ⊖ Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £6.75-£30. 160 mins.

▶ **CATS** Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. **New London** Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) ⊖ Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

○ **CHICAGO** Ruthie Henshall stars in this hit Broadway musical about two muderous women. **Adelphi** Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) ⊖ Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £16-£36 (incl booking fee). 130 mins.

▶ **CLOSER** Superb study of contemporary sexual relationships from Dealer's Choice author Patrick Marber. **Lyric** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) ⊖ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50. 140 mins.

● **THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED)** Reduced Shakespeare Company's keenly-paced theatrical history lesson. **Criterion** Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) ⊖ Picc Circ. Tonight, 8pm, £9.50-£20. 120 mins.

● **DR DOLITTLE** Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets. **Labatt's Apollo Hammersmith** Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) ⊖ Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

▶ **GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES** Sara Crowe stars in this musical featuring the song Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend. **Open Air** Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431/cc 486 1933) ⊖ Baker Street. Tonight 8pm, ends 1 Sep, £8-£20.

▶ **GREASE** Marissa Dunlop stars in the stage version of the hit film. **Cambridge** Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) ⊖ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins.

● **HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE** Paula Vogel's drama about the incestuous relationship between a teenager and her uncle. **Donmar Warehouse** Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) ⊖ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, [5][7] 4pm, ends 8 Aug, £12-£16, concs available. 95 mins.

○ **THE ICEMAN COMETH** Kevin Spacey stars in Eugene O'Neill's classic testimony to the power of dreams. **Old Vic** The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/⊖ Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7pm, [7] 1.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £5-£30. 180 mins.

● **AN IDEAL HUSBAND** Christopher Cazenove and Kate O'Mara in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. **Albery** St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730/cc 867 1111) ⊖ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, ends 22 Aug, £7.50-£29.50. 165 mins.

● **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed production of JB Priestley's thriller. **Garrick** Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) ⊖ Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £10.50-£25. 110 mins.

● **KAT AND THE KINGS** Musical set in 1950s Cape Town. **Vaudeville** Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/⊖ Charing X. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri-Sat 5.30pm & 8.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £6.25-£27.50. 130 mins.

● **A LETTER OF RESIGNATION** Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality. **Savoy** Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) ⊖ Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £12.50-£25. 135 mins.

● **MAJOR BARBARA** Jemma Redgrave and Peter Bowles star in George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy. **Piccadilly** Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) ⊖ Picc Circ. In rep, tonight 7.45pm, continuing, £8.50-£27.50. 180 mins.

● **THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER** Classic American comedy of errors from Steppenwolf Theatre. **Barbican** Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) ⊖ Barbican/Moorgate. July 21-25, 7.45pm. July 23, 25, 2.30pm, £6-£27.

● **LES MISERABLES** Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece. **Palace** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) ⊖ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £7-£32.50. 195 mins.

● **MISS SAIGON** Musical which resets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. **Theatre Royal, Drury Lane** Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) ⊖ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] & Sat 3pm, £5.75-£32.50. 165 mins.

● **THE MOUSETRAP** Agatha Christie's whodunnit. **St Martin's** West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) ⊖ Leic Sq Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 2.45pm, [7] 5pm, £9-£23. 135 mins

● **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** Declan Donnellan directs Cheek By Jowl in a new production of Shakespeare's classic. **Playhouse** Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401/cc 316 4747) ⊖ Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, ends 25 Jul, £10-£22. 120 mins.

● **THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD** David Mamet's new play is directed by Patrick Marber. **Royal Court (at the Duke Of York's)** St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ⊖ Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 3.30pm, £5-£19.50, benches 10p, Mon - all seats £5. 90 mins.

● **OTRA TEMPESTAD** Re-working of The Tempest from Cuban company, Teatro Buendia. **The Globe** New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-401 9919) ⊖ London Bridge. Tue-Sat, 8pm, ends 25 Jul, £5-£20. 100 mins.

○ **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. **Her Majesty's** Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) ⊖ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

● **POPCORN** Lawrence Boswell directs Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence. **Apollo** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) ⊖ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £6.50-£23.50. 150 mins.

● **THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND & BLACK COMEDY** Double bill of drama from Tom Stoppard and Peter Schaffer, directed by Gregory Doran. **Comedy** Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) ⊖ Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50. 165 mins.

▶ **RENT** Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. **Shaftesbury** Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) ⊖ Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins.

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE
○ OLIVIER: **Oklahoma!** Classic musical from Rodgers and Hammerstein, featuring the song Oh What A Beautiful Mornin'. Mon-Sat 7.15pm, mats Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 3 Oct.
▶ LYTTELTON: **The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie** Fiona Shaw stars as the Scottish schoolmistress in this new adaptation of the classic novel by Muriel Spark. In rep, today 2.15pm & 7.30pm, ends 3 Oct. 155 mins.
○ COTTESLOE: **Copenhagen** New drama from Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom. In rep, today 2.30pm & 7.30pm, continuing. 145 mins. Olivier & Lyttelton: £8-£27. Oklahoma!: £12-£32.50. Cottesloe: £12-£19. Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000).

○ **SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER** Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. **London Palladium** Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) ⊖ Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

● **SHAKESPEARE'S VILLAINS** Steven Berkoff's look at evil in Shakespeare. **Theatre Royal, Haymarket** Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) ⊖ Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 8.15pm, [7] 5pm, ends 9 Aug, £8-£17.50, concs £10. 70 mins.

● **SHOW BOAT** Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi. **Prince Edward** Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) ⊖ Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-£35. 180 mins.

● **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE - THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER** The rock and roll hitmakers celebrated in a musical revue that includes Jailhouse Rock. **Prince of Wales** Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) ⊖ Leic Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8.30pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-£32.50, Fri mats £10-£25. 135 mins.

● **STARLIGHT EXPRESS** Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musical. **Apollo Victoria** Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/⊖ Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins.

○ **SWEET CHARITY** Bonnie Langford stars in this classic musical, featuring the numbers Hey Big Spender and the Rhythm Of Life. **Victoria Palace** Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/⊖ Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £15-£30. 160 mins.

▶ **THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE** Jane Asher stars in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy. **Gielgud** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) ⊖ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10.50-£27.50. 140 mins.

● **THE UNEXPECTED MAN** Yasmina Reza's follow-up to Art- is a drama about a novelist and a life-long admirer. Michael Gambon and Eileen Atkins star. **Duchess** Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) ⊖ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 4pm, [7] 5pm, £10-£25. 100 mins.

▶ **WHAT YOU GET AND WHAT YOU EXPECT** Acerbic look at a generation bent on success from Jean-Marie Besset. **Lyric Hammersmith** King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) ⊖ Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, ends 8 Aug, £10-£14, concs available.

○ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND** Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name. **Aldwych** Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) ⊖ Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 120 mins.

● **THE WOMAN IN BLACK** Susan Hill's chilling ghost story. **Fortune** Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238) ⊖ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£23.50. 110 mins.

THEATRE
BEYOND THE WEST END

BAC **Look, Mummy! It's War, Famine, Death And Pestilence** Quick-witted and apocalyptic drama. Tonight 7.30pm, £6, concs £5. Lavender Hill (0171-223 2223)

LYRIC STUDIO **Richard III** Oddbodies presents this physical version of Shakespeare's tragedy. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £5-£9, concs £5. King Street (0181-741 2311)

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS **The Footballer's Wife** Sex, love and betrayal amongst footballers and their spouses. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, ends 9 Aug, £8, concs £6. Crisp Road, W6 (0181-237 1111)

YOUNG VIC **As I Lay Dying** 1930s classic about a family's trek across America. Last perf, tonight 7.30pm, £15, concs £8. The Cut (0171-928 6363)

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL



First Call
WHILE SOME bands flaunt designer threads and make large claims of cutting-edge music, **The Levellers** *(right)* are having none of it. Socialist pop is where these PC court jesters are at – calculating the amount of carbon monoxide emissions on their tour and not caring if their audience consists of a dog on a string. A byword for anti-Establishment, they are a favourite among students and well-suited to the muddy mayhem of festivals. A non-stop psychotic circus, with guitars, fiddles and even some anti-Luddite sampling. A 28-date tour begins on 14 Nov. *Royal Court, Liverpool (0151-709 4321) 19 Nov; Barrowlands, Glasgow (0141-552 4601) 23 Nov; Brixton Academy, London (0171-924 9999) 19 Dec*

Last Call
FROM THE French dramatist Yasmina Reza, who penned the long-running *Art*, comes **The Unexpected Man**. The story concerns two strangers who meet on a train, one an embittered novelist, the other a die-hard fan. They do not speak to each other, but their thoughts pour out in monologues about their lives and loves, and their attitudes to art and fiction. Michael Gambon and Eileen Atkins star. *Duchess Theatre, Catherine Street, London WC2 (0171-494 5075) to 22 Aug*

THEATRE
COUNTRYWIDE

BATH
THEATRE ROYAL **The Glass Menagerie** Williams' poignant drama. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thu-Sat 8pm, ends 25 Jul, £7-£21.50, concs available. St Johns Place (01225-448844)

BOURNEMOUTH
PIER THEATRE **See How They Run** Philip King's farce about mistaken identities and general confusion. Mon-Tue, Thu-Sat 8pm, Wed & Sat 5.30pm & 8.40pm, £10.50-£12.50, concs available. Pier Approach (01202-456456)

CAMBRIDGE
GIRTON COLLEGE GARDENS **Romeo And Juliet** Open-air Shakespeare in picturesque surroundings. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £9, concs £6. Huntingdon Road (01223-504444/357851)

HARVEY COURT GARDENS **The Comedy Of Errors** Shakespeare's comedy performed in the open air. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £9, concs £6. West Road (01223-504444)

CANTERBURY
MARLOWE THEATRE **Travels With My Aunt** Giles Havergal adapts Graham Greene's story of a fish out of water. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 25 Jul, £7-£13. The Friars (01227-787787)

EASTBOURNE
DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE **Murder Is Easy** Agatha Christie's whodunnit. Times vary, phone for details, ends 2 Sep, £5-£9.50. **Funny Money!** Newpalm Productions present Ray Cooney's hilarious farce. Times vary, phone for details, ends 12 Sep, £5-£9.50. Compton Street (01323-412000)

GUILDFORD
YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE **Alarms And Excursions - More Plays Than One** Michael Frayn's new comedy. Mon-Thu 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 25 Jul, £14.50-£21.50, concs available. Millbrook (01483-440000)

ILFRACOMBE
THE LANDMARK **Barnum** Peter Duncan stars in this circus show. Mon-Sat 8.15pm, mats Thu 2.15pm, ends 6 Sep, £10-£14.75. The Promenade, Wilder Road (01271-324242)

NEWBURY
WATERMILL THEATRE **Cabaret** Kander and Ebb's musical about life in decadent 1930s Berlin. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat, 2.30pm, ends 22 Aug, £6-£15, concs available. Bagnor (01635-46044)

NOTTINGHAM
THEATRE ROYAL **Buddy** Musical tribute to the late Buddy Holly. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8pm, £8-£21.50. Theatre Square (0115-989 5555/cc 948 2525)

READING
THE MILL AT SONNING **Out Of Order** Ray Cooney's farce about a Government minister. Tue-Sat 8.15pm, mats Sat 2.15pm, ends 15 Aug, £20.95-£31.95 incl meal. Sonning Eye (0118-969 8000)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
THE OTHER PLACE **Shadows: Riders To The Sea & The Shadow of The Glen & Purgatory** Triple-bill of drama by WB Yeats and JM Synge. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 4 Sep, £12-£19. Southern Lane (01789-295623)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE **The Tempest** Adrian Noble directs Shakespeare's romance drama. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 29 Aug, £5-£37. Waterside (01789-295623)

SWAN THEATRE **The Two Gentlemen Of Verona** Shakespeare's witty comedy is directed by Edward Hall. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 5 Sep, £5-£31. Waterside (01789-295623)

TUNBRIDGE WELLS
TRINITY ARTS CENTRE **Ring Around The Moon** Jean Anouilh's tragi-comedy. Mon-Sun, phone for times, ends 26 Jul £3.50-£7. Church Road (01892-544699)

WINDSOR
THEATRE ROYAL **A Tale Of Two Cities** Paul Nicholas stars in this new musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thu 2.30pm, Sat 4.45pm, ends 1 Aug, £5-£20, concs avalaiable. Thames Street (01753-853888)

EXHIBITIONS

BRIGHTON
BRIGHTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY **A Surreal Life: Edward James** Surrealist work from this major patron of contemporary art's collection. Mon, Tue, Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 26 Jul, free. Church Street (01273-290900)

BRISTOL
ARNOLFINI **Tracey Moffatt: An Exhibition Of Photographs And Films** First major solo show. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 23 Aug, free. Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191)

CARDIFF
NATIONAL MUSEUM AND GALLERY **Victorian Visions: Drawings And Watercolours** Victorian art from Rossetti to Whistler. Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 27 Sep, £4.25, concs £2.50, family £9.75. Cathays Park (01222-397951)

FFOTOGALLERY **Narben: Detlef Henrichs** German photographer exhibits work focusing on bodily disfigurement. Tue-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, ends 1 Aug, free. Charles Street (01222-341667)

LONDON
BARBICAN ART GALLERY **The Warhol Look: Glamour, Style, Fashion** Over 500 works by 60 artists explore art, film and fashion during Warhol's life. Mon, Thu-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun 12noon-6.45pm, ends 16 Aug, £6 (£4 after 5pm Mon-Fri), concs £4. Silk Street (0171-638 4141)

CONCOURSE GALLERY, BARBICAN CENTRE **Absolut Cobblers** Famous shoe designers, including Jimmy Choo, create art. Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-7.30pm, ends 19 Aug, free. Silk Street (0171-638 4141)

DESIGN MUSEUM **Design Dynasty: Ferdinand Porsche** Fifty years of vehicle design. Ends 8 Aug. **Innovation By Design: 100 Years Of Bosch In The UK** Celebrating the work of the inventor and industrialist. Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, ends 16 Aug, £5.25, concs £4 (to museum). Shad Thames (0171-378 6055)

DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY **Paula Rego** The leading painter presents new work inspired by a 19th-century novel. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 26 Jul, £3, OAP/NUS £1.50, UB40/disabled/child/Fri free. College Road (0181-693 5254)

NATIONAL GALLERY **Masters Of Light: Dutch Painting From Utrecht In The Golden Age** Dutch paintings from the 17th century demonstrating unique use of light. Ends 2 Aug, £5, concs £3. **Caravaggio: The Flagellation Of Christ** Exhibition centred on a loaned work by the 17th-century artist. Ends 9 Aug, free. **Venice Through Canaletto's Eyes** Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 11 Oct, free. Trafalgar Square (0171-839 3321)

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 1998** Major annual selling exhibition. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Sun to 8.30pm), ends 16 Aug, £7, UB40/OAP £5.50, NUS £5, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1, incl handbook. **Critical Mass: Antony Gormley** Sixty casts of human bodies on display in the courtyard. Mon-Sun all day, ends 30 Sep, free. **Chagall: Love And The Stage** Featuring colourful murals made in Russia. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Sun to 8.30pm), ends 4 Oct, £6, concs £5, NUS £4, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Burlington House, Piccadilly, (0171-300 8000)

TATE GALLERY **Some New Paintings: Lucian Freud** Recent work by the leading artist, includinga recent self-portrait etching. Ends 26 Jul. **Art Now 14: Sophie Calle's The Birthday Ceremony** Sculptural installation of birthday gifts. Ends 16 Aug. **Patrick Heron** Retrospective of the British artist. Ends 6 Sep, £5 concs £3.25. **Warhol And Beuys: Loans From The Froelich Collection** Work by leading 20th-century artists. Ends 20 Sep. **Moonlight And Firelight: Watercolours From The Turner Bequest** Work exploring Turner's interest in moonlight and firelight. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 11 Nov, free. Millbank (0171-887 8000)

SOUTHAMPTON
JOHN HANSARD GALLERY **Jorge Molder** Prominent Portuguese photographer holds his first show in the UK. Tue-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, ends 12 Sep, free. The University (01703-592158)

SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY **Pre-Raphaelite Women Artists** Portraiture, landscape and allegorical works. Ends 2 Aug. **Richard Long** Work by the land artist. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-4pm, ends 2 Aug, free. (01703-832151)

CLASSICAL

KING'S LYNN
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH **Guildhall Strings** Romantic classics for strings. Tonight 7.30pm. £12. Saturday Market Place (01553-764864)

LONDON
ROYAL ALBERT HALL **BBC Symphony Orchestra/Davis** A new piece by Julian Anderson and Vaughan Williams's 3rd Symphony. Tonight 7pm. £3-£20. Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) ⊖ High Street Kensington.

WIGMORE HALL **Chamber Academy Ensemble** Trios for flute, cello and piano. Tonight 7.30pm. £8-£16. Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) ⊖ Bond Street/Oxford Circus.

TOTNES
DARTINGTON HALL **Danza D'Amore** New compositions rooted in Indian traditions. Tonight 8.15pm. £7 & £10. (01803-867311)

OPERA

LONDON
BLOOMSBURY THEATRE **Cosi Fan Tutte** Music Theatre Kernow production of Mozart's great comedy. Tonight 7.30pm. £10-£15, concs £8. Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822) Tube/BR: Euston.

CANNIZARO PARK **La Traviata** Open-Air Charity Gala performance of Verdi by Opera Box. Tonight 7.30pm. £20. West Side Common, SW19 (0181-540 0362) ⊖ Wimbledon.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL **Angel Magick** Fretwork and the Bauhaus Band with a new opera by John Harle. Tonight 10pm. £3 & £9. Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) ⊖ High Street Kensington.

DANCE

LONDON
LONDON COLISEUM **The Royal Ballet: Manon** MacMillan's production set to Jules Massenet's score. Today 2pm (Wildor/Sansom/Cassidy), & 7.30pm (Durante/Mukhamedov/Trevitt). £10-£55. St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) ⊖ Leicester Square.

NORWICH
THEATRE ROYAL **Tap Dogs** Dein Perry's athletic tap show. Tonight 7.30pm. £3.50-£14.50. Theatre Street (01603-630000)

LITERATURE

LONDON
MARSHA HUNT Reading from her latest novel, Like Venus Fading. **Centerprise** Kingsland High Street E8 (0171-254 9632) BR: Dalston Kingsland. Tonight 7pm, free.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS
POETRY AT THE CAMDEN CENTRE Readings by local contemporary poets. **Camden Centre** (01732-851404) Tonight 8pm, £3, concs £2.

COMEDY

PLYMOUTH
THE CAMBRIDGE FOOTLIGHTS: BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE AT *DRUM THEATRE, THEATRE ROYAL* The illustrious comedy troupe. Tonight 7.45pm, £8.50, concs available. Royal Parade South (01752-267222)

LONDON
THE COMEDY STORE The Cutting Edge with Lee Hurst, Boothby Graffoe, Sean Meo, Steve Gribbin, Martin Coyote and Paul Thorne. Tonight 8pm, £11, concs £7. Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus.

PLEASANCE THEATRE HITCHCOCK'S HALF HOUR Edinburgh preview show from the winners of the Hackney Empire New Act Of The Year Competition. Tonight 7.30pm, £6 for both shows.

CLUBS

BRISTOL
FUNKY PEOPLE AT CAFE BLUE Totally funky mixture of disco, hip hop, rap and funk from DJs Josh and Marcus. Tonight 8pm-1am, free. The Old Fire Station, Silver Street (0117-940 5626)

LONDON
THE BIGGER BLUE FESTIVAL AT THE BLUE NOTE With Talvin Singh's Anokha massive and jungle with the Method boys. Tonight 9pm-3am, Parkfield Street, N1 0 (0171-288 1986) ⊖ Angel, £8, concs/before 11pm £7.

EVENTS

ABERYSTWYTH
ABERYSTWYTH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SUMMER SCHOOL Welsh Folk Music, the Three Counties Youth Orchestra, Jazz, World Music and more. Telephone for details. **Aberystwyth Arts Centre** Penglais (01970-623232). 21-31 Jul, phone for details, £4-£6, concs £2.50-£5.

LONDON
ROYAL TOURNAMENT Demonstrations, concerts and exhibits by the Armed Forces. **Earls Court** Warwick Road SW5 (0171-244 0244) ⊖ Kensington Olympia. Mon-Sun doors 11am, show 2pm-4.45pm & doors 5pm, show 7.30pm-10.15pm, ends 2 Aug. £5-£25, discounts and concs available.

GALLERY WEEK: PHOTOCOPY ART Activities for all ages using photocopiers to innovate on images drawn from the work of artist Helen Chadwick. **Victoria & Albert Museum** Cromwell Road SW7 (0171-938 8441) ⊖ South Kensington. Tue-Sun 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm, £5, concs £3, free to students,under 18s, disabled/carers, unwaged, mems.

MUSIC
POP

BRISTOL
SPARKLEHORSE Mark Linkous' dark US alt-country US outfit. **The Fleece** St. Thomas Street (0117-927 7150/cc 929 9008) Tonight 8pm, £7.

LONDON
MARC ALMOND Nightclub-style floorshow for the ex-Soft Cell torch singer. **Almeida Theatre** Almeida Street N1 (0171-359 4404) ⊖ Angel. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 25 Jul, £11.50-£16.50.

SPEARMINT Alternative scooterboy pop outfit promote their A Trip Into Space ep. **Camden Palace** Camden High Street NW1 (0171-387 0428) ⊖ Camden Town. Tonight 10pm, £5, concs £3.

SWERVEDRIVER, LIBIDO Complex guitar-rock veterans releasing their new label own, plus Scandinavian indie trio support. **Dingwalls** Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road NW1 (0171-267 1577) ⊖ Camden Town. Tonight 8.30pm, £7.

HOOLOO, AFRICAN XYLOPHONE QUARTET Night of contemporary percussion. **Purcell Room** South Bank SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/⊖ Waterloo. Tonight 7.30pm, £10, concs £8.

NOTTING HILLBILLIES Mark Knopfler and his muso-mates' finger-picking sideline. **Ronnie Scott's** Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) ⊖ Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 9pm & 11.30pm, ends 1 aug, £12, NUS £8, mems £4.

SONNY BLACK & THE DUKES Rocking blues from guitarist Black, with boogie pianist Daniel Smith and band. **Station Tavern** Bramley Road W10 (0171-727 4053) ⊖ Latimer Road. Tonight 9pm, free.

MUSIC
JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

ABERYSTWYTH
OLIVER MUTUKUDZI & THE BLACK SPIRITS Stars of the Zimbabwean music scene. **Aberystwyth Arts Centre** Penglais (01970-623232). Tonight 9pm, £5.50, concs £4.50.

BRENTWOOD
SCOTT HAMILTON QUARTET Ubiquitous straightahead tenor sax smoothie. **Hermit Club** Shenfield Road (01277-218897) Tonight 8.30pm, phone for prices.

LONDON
JOHN PARRICELLI, GRAHAM HARVEY Vortex house guitarist, support from Incognito keyboardist. **606 Club** Lots Road SW10 (0171-352 5953) ⊖ Fulham Broadway/Earls Court. Tonight 9.30pm & 12midnight, £4.95.

DAVID ALACEY Cabaret crooner and sometime local councillor. **The Green Room at the Cafe Royal** Regent Street W1 (0171-437 9090) ⊖ Piccadilly Circus. Tonight 9.15pm, £15.

PIZZA EXPRESS ALL STARS Dave Shepherd fronts the mainstreamers' mainstream. **Pizza Express Jazz Club** Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) ⊖ Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 8.30pm, £8.50.

ALAN BARNES Flexible British reedsman fronts quartet. **Rutland Arms** Perry Hill SE6 (0181-291 9426) BR: Catford Bridge Tonight 8pm, phone for prices

GERRY HUNT QUARTET Polished guitarist plays contemporary world jazz. **Victoria Embankment Gardens** Charing Cross WC2 (0171-375 0441) ⊖ Embankment. Today 12.30pm, free.

THE HUNGRY ANTS Modern and contemporary jazz four piece. **Vortex** Stoke Newington Church Street N16 (0171-254 6516) BR Stoke Newington. Tonight 9pm, £4.

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TUESDAY RADIO

RADIO 1
(97.6-99.8MHz FM)
6.30 Kevin Greening and Zoe Ball. **9.00** Simon Mayo. **12.00** Jo Whiley. **3.00** Dave Pearce. **6.30** Steve Lamacq – the Evening Session. **8.30** Digital Update. **8.40** John Peel. **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs. **1.00** Clive Warren. **4.00 – 6.30** Chris Moyles.

RADIO 2
(88-90.2MHz FM)
6.00 Sarah Kennedy. **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan. **9.30** Ken Bruce. **12.00** Jimmy Young. **2.00** Ed Stewart. **5.05** John Dunn. **7.00** Carl Davis Classics. **8.00** Nigel Ogden. **9.00** Saturday Morning Cinema. *See Pick of the Day* **10.00** Rodgers and Hart: a Thousand Songs. **10.30** Richard Allinson. **12.05** Steve Madden. **3.00 - 4.00** Alex Lester.

RADIO 3
(90.2-92.4MHz FM)
6.00 On Air.
9.00 Masterworks.
10.30 Proms Artist of the Week.
11.00 Sound Stories.
12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Szymanowski.
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.
2.00 BBC Proms 98. (R)
3.45 Rubinstein.
4.00 Choral Voices.
4.45 Quartet.
5.00 In Tune.
7.00 BBC Proms 98.
7.45 Beehernz. A story by Penelope Fitzgerald commissioned by Radio 3 and *BBC Music Magazine*. Once upon a time, there was an old, reclusive composer who just had to be lured out of retirement. Reader David Troughton. (R)
8.05 Concert, part 2. Julian Anderson: The Stations of the Sun (first performance). Vaughan Williams: Symphony No 3 (Pastoral).
9.20 Postscript. A five-part entertainment compiled by and starring Maureen Lipman, recreating monologues, sketches and songs originally written and performed by comedian Joyce Grenfell. Featuring two songs with music composed by Richard Addinsell – 'All my tomorrows' and 'Picture Postcard' – and 'Lally Tullet', a steamy tale of close relationships from a Virginian veranda. (R)

PICK OF THE DAY

JOHN WALTERS celebrates the lost world of Saturday Morning Cinema (9pm R2) tonight. He recalls mornings in the dark spent chucking food at each other and thrilling to the adventures of Zorro. Flash Gordon and the Children's Film Foundation. Stars of the calibre of Keith Chegwin *(right)* and Sally Thomsett queue up to say how much it did for them, which leads you to suspect that its demise may not have been such a bad thing after all.

The late Prom (10pm R3) features the first broadcast of John Harle's new opera, *Angel Magick*, another alchemical-metaphysical fiction (of Peter Ackroyd's novel *The House of Dr Dee*) inspired by the Elizabethan magician and astrologer John Dee, here depicted on a search for "radical truths". Bear in mind that the main thing about alchemy was that it was completely wrong.

ROBERT HANKS



9.35 Violin Pyrotechnics. Violinist Ruggiero Ricci performs music for the violin including, Milstein's arrangement of Liszt's 'Mephisto Waltz'.
10.00 BBC Proms 98. Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. The first late-night Prom delves into the mysterious world of metaphysics and alchemy. This specially commissioned one-act opera concerns a quest for 'radical truths' undertaken by John Dee, a favourite of Queen Elizabeth I, and his magician companion Edward Kelly. John Harle and David Pountney: Angel-Magick (first London performance). Donald Maxwell, baritone (Kelly), William Purefoy, countertenor Sidney), Andrew Forbes-Lane, tenor (Bruno), Fretwork, the Bauhaus Band, John Harle. *See Pick of the Day*
11.30 Jazz Notes.
12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Rameau. (R)
1.00 – 6.00 Through the Night.

RADIO 4
(92.4-94.6MHz FM)
6.00 *Today*.
9.00 *Unreliable Evidence*.
9.30 The Sale of the Century.
9.45 Serial: Master Musicians.
10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.
11.00 NEWS; The Greatest City on Earth.
11.30 The Barnes Originals.
12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.
12.57 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.30 Tricks of the Trade.
2.00 NEWS; The Archers.
2.15 Afternoon Play: Miss Dynamite. (R)
3.00 NEWS; The Exchange (0171) 580 4444.
3.30 Pillars of the Community.
3.45 I Take Back My Country.
4.00 NEWS; A Good Read.
4.30 Shop Talk.
5.00 PM.
5.57 Weather.
6.00 Six O'Clock News.
6.30 The Mark Steel Revolution.
7.00 NEWS; The Archers.
7.15 Front Row. Francine Stock offers a critical verdict on Robert Altman's latest film, *The Gingerbread Man*, a legal thriller starring Kenneth Branagh and Robert Duvall.
7.45 Under One Roof: Summer Holiday. By Michele Hanson and Jenny Landreth, based on the story by Michele Hanson. We say au revoir to Gillian and her family and friends as they plan parties, fall in and out of love and realise there truly is no place like home (2/5).
8.00 NEWS; File on 4. Gerry Northam reports on major issues and important events at home and abroad.
8.40 In Touch. Peter White with news for visually impaired people.
9.00 NEWS; The Healers. BBC social affairs editor Niall Dickson reports on people who work in healthcare and considers how the pressures they work under affect patients. 3: 'The GP'. We expect our family doctors to be there when we need them, but is this realistic?
9.30 Unreliable Evidence. With the aid of expert guests, Clive Anderson – former barrister and grand inquisitor of the stars – cuts through the legal jargon to get to the heart of an issue which affects anyone who uses our cherished legal system.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Patchwork Planet. By Anne Tyler, abridged by Pat McLoughlin, read by William Hope. Barnaby Gaitlin is nearly 30, divorced, directionless and the black sheep of his philanthropic Baltimore family. He also has a heart of gold (2/10).
11.00 The Two Dannys. The last of four programmes starring Danny Fontaine and Danny De La Tour and their disturbing showbiz chums. Written and performed by Peter Serafinowicz and Lewis MacLeod.
11.30 Talking Pictures.
12.00 News.
12.30 The Late Book: The Arcanum. (R)
12.48 Shipping Forecast.
1.00 As World Service.
5.30 World News.
5.35 Shipping Forecast.
5.40 Inshore Forecast.
5.45 Prayer for the Day.
5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

RADIO 4 LW
(198kHz)
9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. **12.00 - 12.04** News Headlines; Shipping Forecast. **5.54 - 5.57** Shipping Forecast. **11.30 - 12.00** Today in Parliament.

RADIO 5 LIVE
(693, 909kHz MW)
6.00 The Breakfast Programme.
9.00 Nicky Campbell.
12.00 The Midday News.
1.00 Ruscoe and Co.
4.00 Nationwide.
7.00 News Extra.
7.30 Any Sporting Questions?. John Inverdale is at Bath RUFC with a live audience putting the questions to his panel of top sporting guests, including Bath and former Wales rugby union captain Ieuan Evans, and Britain's number one women's 400m runner, Alison Curbishley.
9.00 Extra Time. Presented by Mark Steel.
10.00 Late Night Live. The day's big stories with Nick Robinson. Including 10.30 a full sports round-up. 11.00 News and finance. And between 11.30 and 1.00 a sharp and spirited late-night topical discussion.
1.00 Up All Night.
5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

CLASSIC FM
(100.0-101.9MHz FM)
6.00 Michael Mappin. **8.00** Henry Kelly. **12.00** Requests. **2.00** Concerto. **3.00** *Jamie Crick*. **6.30** Newsnight. **7.00** Smooth Classics at Seven. **9.00** Evening Concert. **11.00** Alan Mann. **2.00** Concerto. **3.00 - 6.00** Mark Griffiths.

Virgin Radio
(1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz FM)
7.00 Jonathan Ross. **10.00** Russ Williams. **1.00** Nick Abbot. **4.00** Robin Banks/FM only Ray Cokes from 6.45pm. **7.30** Ray Cokes. **10.00** Mark Forrest. **2.00** Peter Poulton. **5.00** Jeremy Clark.

World Service
(198kHz LW)
1.00 Newsdesk. **1.30** The Farming World. **1.45** Britain Today. **2.00** Newsdesk. **2.30** Discovery. **3.00** Newsday. **3.30** Meridian (Live). **4.00** World News. **4.05** World Business Report. **4.15** Sports Roundup. **4.30** The World Today.

TALK RADIO
7.00 New Talk Radio Breakfast Show. **9.00** Scott Chisholm. **11.00** Lorraine Kelly. **1.00** Anna Raeburn. **3.00** Tommy Boyd. **5.00** Peter Deeley. **7.00** Nick Abbot. **9.00** James Whale. **1.00** Ian Collins. **5.00 - 7.00** The Early Show.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1
6.00 Citizens' Band (1977) (92840537). **7.40** Cannonball Fever (1989) (45488112). **9.20** The Stupids (1995) (14300082). **11.00** Last of the Dogmen (1995) (27334). **1.00** *Cannonball Fever* (1989) (94860). **3.00** *Ernest Hemingway's Adventures of a Young Man* (1962) (95105792). **5.25** The Stupids (1995) (84756082). **7.00** Last of the Dogmen (1995) (49808). **9.00** Sunset Park (1996) (18158044). **10.45** The Truth about Cats and Dogs (1995) (32755860). **12.25** No Way Back (1996) (127193). **2.00** Maternal Instincts (1996) (362551). **3.35 - 6.00** Unlikely Suspects (1996) (88973551).

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2
6.15 Jesus Christ Superstar (1973) (92827686). **8.00** Forbidden Territory: Stanley's Search for Livingstone (1997) (53650). **10.00** My Cousin Rachel* (1952) (78247). **12.00** Evita (1996) (67117537). **2.15** Jesus Christ Superstar (1973) (940614). **4.00** My Cousin Rachel* (1952) (5402). **6.00** Forbidden Territory: Stanley's Search for Livingstone (1997) (61860). **7.30** Behind the Scenes (2957). **8.00** Evita (1996) (79751518). **10.15** The Movie Show (119315). **10.45** Barb Wire (1996) (32753402). **12.25** Bad Company (1995) (774025). **2.15** Living in Oblivion (1995) (320551). **3.45 - 6.00** Hotel Sorrento (1996) (56748280).

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00 Caught in the Draft* (1941) (2682266). **6.00** Mannequin (1987) (2340228). **8.00** *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (1986) (2345773). *See Pick of the Day* **10.00** Do the Right Thing (1989) (82318570). **12.05** The First Deadly Sin (1980) (6574700). **2.00** The Osterman Weekend (1983) (5346342). **3.45** Let's Dance (1950) (4093280). **5.35** Close.

BRAVO
8.00 The A-Team (8671599). **9.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (4542792). **9.30** Cops (7669150). **10.00** Italian Stripping Housewives (2772957). **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries (2781605). **11.00** **Film:** Ultimate Action: Assault on Precinct 13 (1976) (3853421). **1.00** Beverly Hills Bordello (1720209). **1.30** Italian Stripping Housewives (3817629). **2.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (3153342). **2.30** Cops (3245377). **3.00** **Film:** Evil Dead II (1987) (9511938). **5.00 - 6.00** The A-Team (3378957).

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
4.00 The Diceman (9339421). **4.30** Top Marques (9335605). **5.00** First Flights (1242266). **5.30** History's Turning Points (9326957). **6.00** Wildlife SOS (9316570). **6.30** Deadly Game (7933063). **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (9336334). **8.00** Discover Magazine (8677773). **9.00** Hitler's Henchmen (8697537). **10.00** Prison Life (8690624). **11.00** Lotus Elise: Project M1:11 (2680889). **12.00** First Flights (7455735). **12.30** Top Marques (9860551). **1.00** Prison Life (5470025). **2.00** Close.

SKY 1
8.00 Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (47889). **8.30** Street Sharks (39860). **9.00** Garfield and Friends (20112). **9.30** The Simpsons (65773). **10.00** Games World (3312516). **10.15** Games World (3395841). **10.30** Just Kidding (59624). **11.00** The New Adventures of Superman (22131). **12.00** Married with Children (40976). **12.30** M*A*S*H (5623547). **12.55** The Special K Collection (9628171). **1.00** Geraldo (9488334). **1.55** The Special K Collection (22298624). **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (1642583). **2.55** The Special K Collection (2886112). **3.00** Jenny Jones (3969112). **3.55** The Special K Collection (9787063). **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (52112). **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (9228). **6.00** The Nanny (2711). **6.30** The Simpsons (1547). **7.30** Real TV (9247). **8.00** Speed (9605). **8.30** Coppers (8112). **9.00** The World's Most Dangerous (16889). **10.00** The Extraordinary (11978). **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager (43624). **12.00** Nash Bridges (93532). **1.00 - 8.00** Long Play (5847483).

SKY SPORTS 1
7.00 Sky Sports Centre (5593082). **7.15** High 5 (126570). **7.45** Survival of the Fittest (125841). **8.15** Sky Sports Centre (4537112). **8.30** Racing News (71957). **9.00** Aerobics - Oz Style (95537). **9.30** Embassy World Eight-Ball Championships (81266). **11.30** Soccer Sevens (17266). **12.30** Tales from the Premiership The Boys of 93 (71006). **1.00** Cricket - AXA Life League Sussex v Middlesex (97024). **2.30** Survival of the Fittest (1624). **3.00** International Bowls Australia v Northern Ireland (32841). **5.00** Cricket - AXA Life League Warwickshire v Essex (2317624). **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (955082). **10.15** Tales from the Premiership The Great Survivors (773537). **10.45** Soccer Sevens (341247). **11.45** Sky Sports Centre (968044). **12.00** Cricket - AXA Life League Warwickshire v Essex (98667). **1.30** Nascar Kenwood 300 (34803). **3.30** Tales from the Premiership The Great Survivors (19174). **4.00** Sky Sports Centre (27976071). **4.15** Close.

SKY SPORTS 2
7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (7047808). **7.30** Sky Sports Centre (5398044). **7.45** Racing News (5278537). **8.15** Tales from the Premiership The Boys of 93 (2580689). **8.45** Sky Sports Centre (2551570). **9.00** Soccer Sevens (5638421). **10.00** International Bowls Australia v Northern Ireland (9791082). **12.00** V-Max (7309773). **12.30** World Motor Sport (5943880). **3.30** US Seniors Golf Highlights (9528112). **4.30** Equestrianism - ATCO Double Slalom (9423995). **6.30** LPGA Golf: JAL Big Apple Classic (2465599). **8.30** Embassy World Eight-Ball Championships (7204112). **10.30** Nascar Kenwood 300 (3631889). **12.30** Equestrianism - ATCO Double Slalom (8586006). **1.30 - 2.00** Tales from the Premiership Great Survivors (7452483).

SKY SPORTS 3
12.00 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire (48067112). **1.00** Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors (65379112). **1.30** Fish TV (48087976). **2.00** Sky Sports Classics (86150334). **3.00** Second Innings (40721421). **3.30** Fastrax (91304082). **4.00** World Tenpin Bowling Masters (3890371). **5.00** World Wrestling Federation Shot Gun (40712773). **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (91300266). **6.30** Tales from the Premiership The Great Survivors (91391518). **7.00** Soccer Sevens (27541995). **8.00** Major League Baseball - Game of the Week (27521131). **10.00** Superbouts George Foreman v Tommy Morrison (27540266). **11.00** Second Innings Waqar Younis (38971112). **11.30** Close.

EUROSPORT
7.30 Motocross (88711). **8.00** Cycling: Tour de France (27112). **10.00** Cycling: Tour de France (78583605) *See Pick of the Day*. **4.05** Offroad (2817222). **5.00** Football (81334). **7.00** Strength (83353). **8.00** Boxing (49773). **9.00** Cycling: Tour de France (42860). **11.00** Motorcycling (97353). **12.30** Close.

UK GOLD
7.00 Crossroads (2673599). **7.30** Neighbours (2995957). **7.55** EastEnders (3597957). **8.30** The Bill (2775044). **9.00** The Bill (2799624). **9.30** Stay Lucky (3356518). **10.30** The Sullivans (2795808). **11.00** Dallas (8257353). **11.55** Neighbours (89066808). **12.25** EastEnders (3734006). **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7659773). **2.00** Dallas (6889995). **2.55** The Bill (5607841). **3.25** The Bill (9812889). **3.55** Dangerfield (5872131). **4.55** EastEnders (9724537). **5.30** Home to Roost (9328315). **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7679537). **7.00** The Comedy Alternative: 2point4 Children (2118773). **7.40** The Comedy Alternative: Waiting for God (9196112). **8.20** The Comedy Alternative: Dad's Army (8599421). **9.00** Hotel (4342063). **9.40** This Life (8423315). **10.25** Shooting Stars (8905266). **11.05** Bill (6308605). **11.35** The Bill (1686605). **12.10** Alive and Kicking (2136367). **1.55** Equalizer (5832922). **2.45 - 7.00** Shopping (34781071).

LIVING
6.00 Tiny Living (3002421). **9.00** Rolonda (5681518). **9.50** Jerry Springer (4873537). **10.40** The Young and the Restless (8590889). **11.30** Brookside (5194044). **12.00** Jimmy's (9010624). **12.35** Animal Rescue (93069082). **1.00** *Rescue 911* (1640179). **1.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3161686). **2.05** Rolonda (6267808). **2.55** Living It Up! (2050792). **3.55** Jerry Springer (2714334). **4.45** Tempestt (8314808). **5.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (4126402). **6.10** Jerry Springer (9440228). **7.00** *Rescue 911* (2661773). **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (9920266). **8.00** Side Effects (2349599). **9.00** **Film:** The Woman Who Sinned (1991) (2342686). **11.00** Sex Life Down Under (1627228). **12.00** Close.

TNT
9.00 **Film:** Singin' in the Rain (1952) (27528044). **11.00** **Film:** The Rose and the Jackal (1990) (81196976). **12.45** **Film:** Mr Skeffington* (1944) (27449193). **3.00** **Film:** Singin' in the Rain (1952) (82345822). **5.00** Close.

PICK OF THE DAY

THE MOUNTAIN stages of Live Cycling: Tour de France (10am Eurosport) are likely to provide defending champion Jan Ullrich with his first real test of the Tour. The German ballooned out of shape during the winter and lost his overall tour lead to the Frenchman, Laurent Desbiens, on Sunday. Few believe he can win again, but today's 10th stage, 197kms from Pau to Luchon in the Pyrenees, will go some way towards settling the argument.

Kicking your heels between the World Cup and the new football season? Live Football (5pm Eurosport) brings coverage of the UEFA Cup qualifying round while even slacker slackers can enjoy Ferris Bueller's Day Off (8pm Sky Movies Gold), an enjoyably childish take on skiving. Matthew Broderick *(right)* is the nauseatingly privileged adolescent taking it easy like a spoilt Tom Sawyer.

PETER CONCHIE



REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC N IRELAND As BBC1 London except: **6.30 - 7.00** Newsline 6.30

SCOTLAND As BBC1 London except: **6.00** News **6.30 - 7.00** Reporting Scotland; Weather **8.30 - 9.00** The Hello Girls **12.00** Scottish Questions **12.45** Film: Web of Deceit **2.15 - 6.00** Joins BBC News 24

WALES 6.30 - 7.00 Wales Today **12.00** Film: Web of Deceit **1.30 - 6.00** Joins BBC News 24

ANGLIA
As Carlton except: 10.25 Justice of the Land (7554353). **11.25** Blue Heelers (1643470). **12.20** Anglia News and Weather (4946247). **1.00** Dinosaurs (85781). **1.30** Home and Away (46624). **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (2606841). **3.20** Anglia News (1342792). **5.10** Shortland Street (5456605). **6.00** Home and Away (494860). **6.25** Anglia News (615082). **7.30** Craven's Collectables (995). **10.00** ITN News; Weather (89641). **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (738570). **12.00** Baywatch Nights (2453735). **12.55** Leahy in Concert (1762071). **1.30** Planet Rock Profiles (8297241). **1.55** Best of British Motor Sport (6598218). **2.25** Film: Man from Tangier* (5121483). **3.35** True Life Tales (16289803). **4.05** ITV Sport Classics Boxing - Minter v Antuofermo (58342358). **4.30** ITV Nightscreen (71754).

CENTRAL
As Carlton except: 10.20 Central News (7674112). **12.20** Central News (4946247). **12.30** ITN News; Weather (47353). **1.00** A Country Practice (85781). **3.20** Central News (1342792). **5.10** Shortland Street (5456605). **6.00** Home and Away (494860). **6.25** Central News and Weather (615082). **7.30** 24 Hours (995). **10.30** Central News, Weather and Travel Update (738570). **4.00** Jobfinder (2068241). **5.20** Asian Eye (8268513).

HTV WALES
As Carlton except: 1.00 Shortland Street (85781). **1.30** Home and Away (46624). **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (2606841). **3.20** HTV News (1342792). **5.10** House to House (5456605). **6.00** Home and Away (494860). **6.25** Wales Tonight (615082). **7.30** Grass Roots at the Royal Welsh (995). **10.30** HTV News (738570). **10.40** Big Fight Live (110006). **10.45** Big Fight Live (3626605). **12.00** Baywatch Nights (2453735). **12.55** Leahy in Concert (1762071). **1.30** Planet Rock Profiles (8297241). **1.55** Best of British Motor Sport (6598218). **2.25** Film: Man from Tangier* (5121483). **3.35** True Life Tales (16289803). **4.05** ITV Sport Classics Boxing - Minter v Antuofermo (58342358). **4.30** ITV Nightscreen (91291629). **4.35** ITV Nightscreen (4682990).

HTV WEST
As HTV Wales except: 5.10 What's My Line? (5456605). **6.25** HTV West Weather (481266). **6.30** The West Tonight (711). **7.30** Take 3 (995).

MERIDIAN
As Carlton except: 10.20 Meridian News and Weather (2299131). **10.25** Justice of the Land (7554353). **11.25** Blue Heelers (1643470). **1.00** Shortland Street (85781). **1.30** Home and Away (46624). **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (2606841). **3.20** Meridian News (1342792). **5.37** Three Minutes (137063). **6.00** Meridian Tonight (131). **6.30** Heritage: Love It or Lose It (711). **7.30** Quids In (995). **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (738570). **12.00** Baywatch Nights (2453735). **12.55** Leahy in Concert (1762071). **1.30** Planet Rock Profiles (8297241). **1.55** Best of British Motor Sport (6598218). **2.25** Film: Man from Tangier* (5121483). **3.35** True Life Tales (16289803). **4.05** ITV Sport Classics Boxing - Minter v Antuofermo (58342358). **4.30** ITV Nightscreen (52993). **5.00** Freescreen (57716).

WESTCOUNTRY
As Carlton except: 10.20 Westcountry News (7674112). **10.30** A Woman Named Jackie (28515131). **12.15** Westcountry News (2659402). **1.00** Emmerdale (85781). **3.20** Westcountry News (1342792). **5.00** Westcountry Live (22044). **7.30** Make Yourself at Home (995). **10.30** Westcountry News (738570). **12.00** Baywatch Nights (2453735). **12.55** Leahy in Concert (1762071). **1.30** Planet Rock Profiles (8297241). **1.55** Best of British Motor Sport (6598218). **2.25** Film: Man from Tangier* (5121483). **3.35** True Life Tales (16289803). **4.05** ITV Sport Classics Boxing - Minter v Antuofermo (58342358). **4.30** Nightscreen (71754).

YORKSHIRE
As Carlton except: 10.20 Calendar News and Weather (7674112). **10.30** A Woman Named Jackie (28515131). **12.15** Calendar News and Weather (2659402). **1.00** Home and Away (25699315). **1.25** The Jerry Springer Show (9181315). **2.10** Coronation Street (3970266). **3.20** Calendar News (1342792). **5.40** News (360063). **5.55** Calendar (704529). **6.30** Tonight (711). **7.30** The Dales Diary (995). **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (738570). **4.20** Jobfinder (9438396).

TYNE TEES
As Yorkshire except: 10.20 North East News (7674112). **12.15** North East News (2659402). **3.20** North East News (1342792). **5.55** North East Weather (124599). **6.00** North East (22044). **10.30** North East News (738570).

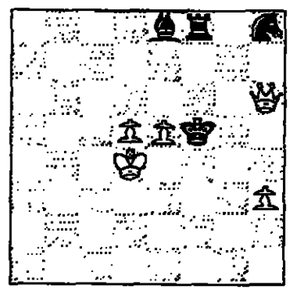
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As Channel 4 except: 12.30 Ricki Lake (45995). **1.00** Slot Meithrin (85763). **1.30** Film: They Rode West (35112). **3.00** Deals on Wheels (6266). **4.30** Ricki Lake (808). **5.00** Uned 5 (1711). **5.30** Countdown (860). **6.00** News (865334). **6.10** Heno (456266). **7.00** Pobol y Cwm (321880). **7.25** Heddiu (526044). **8.00** Y Sioe Fawr (7995). **8.30** News (6402). **9.00** Why Men Don't Iron (6599). **10.00** Brookside (580150). **10.35** Equinox (488353). **11.35** Tour de France (521402). **12.05** Barking (8592613). **12.35** Cybill (1196280). **1.05-1.35** Spin City (6955377).

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS
WILLIAM HARTSTON

THIS LITTLE problem (composed by the Hungarian Mor Ehrenstein in 1888) is a perfect miniature. If Black's rook were not there, Qf6 would be mate, but what is White's mating move going to be after a bishop or knight move? 1.h4 suggests itself, to threaten Qg5 mate, but 1...Kg4 escapes.

White's problem is to keep f4 covered when he checks with his queen, and that should suggest the key: 1.Ke3! Now 1...Kxe5 2.Qe6 is mate; Nf7, Bf7 or Rg8 allow Qf6; Bg6 allows Qf4 and Ng6 is met by Qh5.



White to play and mate in two

CREATIVITY
WILLIAM HARTSTON

THIS WEEK'S topic of Viagra seems to have stimulated a large number of readers into creative fecundity. "I don't expect that you'll use any of my suggestions," Lindsay Warden moans, "since there's bound to be such stiff competition." She thinks it might be used to help marshmallows fit into slot machines and recommends leaving some on top of the television set if the vertical hold is wobbly.

"What with road rage, testosterone and phallic overtones," David Bishop says, "couldn't the world's leading motor company bring out a Ford Viaggro?" Adrian Banfield wants to spray it on the Tower of Pisa to help keep it straight. Bob Horrocks wants to spray it over the Millennium Dome to ensure that it stays up for 1,000 years, or over Richard Branson's balloon to prevent detumescence.

Richard Metcalfe writes: "Virtually Impotent Apathetic Guys Rise Again". Nigel Plevin thinks that an overdose of Viagra might have raised the *Titanic* but sees its main use as increasing hanging space in nudist colonies. (Michael Riggs sees it as providing perches for parrots in similar circumstances.)

"Viagra? In Creativity?" Geoffrey Langley asks incredulously. "Cole to Newcastle indeed!" Sian Cole herself denies any need for the drug but thinks that the use of it by others could aid her attempt to get into the *Guinness Book of Records*. Richard Cooper gallantly says that "with Ms Cole in mind, who needs anything artificial?" Len Clarke suggests that Ms Cole could prevent Father Christmas from escaping back up the chimney by leaving some Viagra in his glass of whisky.

Several readers mentioned the line from Henry V: "Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood," but only Mike Gifford added "Your old men shall dream dreams" from the Book of Joel. Doug Whetherly dreams of Viagra as a way to heal flat tires, to turn floppy disks into hard discs, to convert soft furnishings into fixtures and fittings, and as an aerosol to aid court ushers when they cry: "Be upstanding in court". Roy Askew warns birdwatchers that Viagra could make them even ornier-thologists.

"Put some Viagra in your garden hose to stop it kinking," Jan Moor advises. Noel Mitchell suggests that a dose given to pigs before slaughter could result in the world's first long-life sausage, if the skin doesn't split. Duncan Bull recommends using Viagra as a moustache lotion to help the British maintain a stiff upper lip. Graham Muirhead wants to add Viagra to Niagara "to make the biggest waterspout in the world". Norman Foster's uncle Percy has his collars stiffened with Viagra. Gerard Benson uses it to turn question marks into exclamation marks. He thinks it's rotten the way everybody's taking a rise out of Viagra.

Other uses: Stop flowers wilting, or aid Indian rope trick (Martin Brown); free with copies of Dickens's *Hard Times* or to turn Sid Little into Eddie Large (Bruce Birchall). Frank Middlemass laments its stiff price. Maguy Higgs warns: "What goes up must come down."

Chambers Dictionary prizes to Lindsay Warden, Bob Horrocks and Doug Whetherly. Next week, tubes of Loctite for the best ideas of things to do with superglue. Meanwhile, following the open at Birkdale, we wonder what has happened to all those gaudy checked trousers all golfers used to wear. Has anyone any ideas? We'll welcome them at Creativity, *The Independent*, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL.

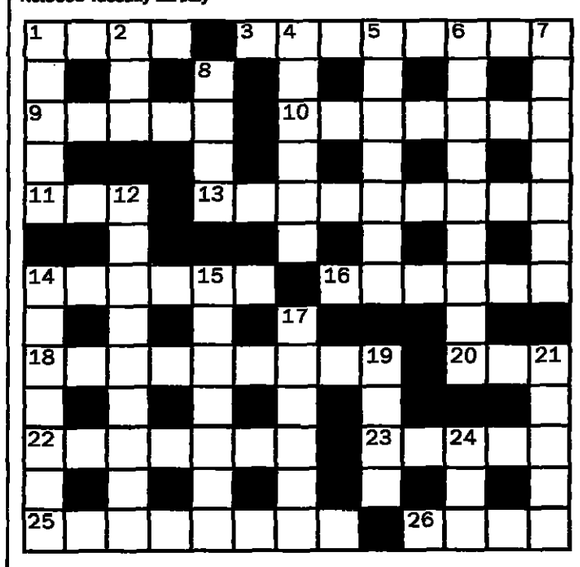
PUZZLE

MY LOCAL ironmonger's shop is in complete confusion. He has three boxes labelled "nuts", "bolts" and "nuts & bolts". One contains only nuts, another contains only bolts, the third contains a mixture of nuts and bolts. But all of them are wrongly labelled. If I can take only one item from a box at a time, what is the least number of items I have to examine to work out what the labels should be? (Answer tomorrow).

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: With four straight cuts, a pizza may be cut into 11 pieces. Generally, the nth cut adds *n* more pieces (formed by its intersections with the two boundaries plus *n*-1 previous cuts). The formula for the total is $1 + \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$.

CONCISE CROSSWORD

No.3668 Tuesday 21 July



ACROSS
1 Arrive (4)
3 Peculiarities (8)
9 Emblem (5)
10 Express disgust at (7)
11 Steal (3)
13 Breed of dog (9)
14 Frank (6)
16 Mend (6)
18 Barge (5,4)
20 Consume (3)
22 Correspondence (7)
23 Say (5)
25 Calamity (8)
26 Hastened (4)

DOWN
1 Highland games event (5)
2 Angry (3)
4 Infer (6)
5 Deadlock (7)
6 Immunise against disease (9)
7 Slim (7)
8 Understood (4)
12 Paper currency (9)
14 Laughed harshly (7)
15 Malady (7)
17 Light dessert (6)
19 Pleasure trip (4)
21 Fatigued (5)
24 Hint (3)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword:

ACROSS: 1 Author, 4 Docks (Orthodox), 8 Rapid, 9 Laconic, 10 Aileron, 11 Once, 12 Tar, 14 Adit, 15 Even, 18 Egg, 21 Ides, 23 Recount, 25 Walkout, 26 Olive, 27 Get-up, 28 Ascent. DOWN: 1 Abroad, 2 Toppled, 3 Obdurate, 4 Deck, 5 Canon, 6 Sucker, 7 Glint, 13 Red Cross, 16 Erudite, 17 Bigwig, 19 Grate, 20 Street, 22 Eilat, 24 Hoop.

THOMAS SUTCLIFFE
TELEVISION REVIEW



"THAT'S LIFE, there's no point in being bitter about it," concluded Keith Cooper, ending his more-in-sorrow-than-in-anger documentary Trouble at the House (BBC2), about recent fiascos at the Royal Opera House – a sorry drama which featured as one of its Act Three highlights the sacking of Keith Cooper. Well, there's certainly no point in being bitter if you can persuade a television company to let you present your own account of the affair, in which your own statesmanlike sagacity and tact will be conspicuously to the fore. Only reasonable, you might argue, that television should redress the balance, since these qualities were not what Keith Cooper was famous for immediately after the broadcast of *The House*, which presented him to the nation as a man in whom petulance and arrogance battled for top-billing. He appears to have learnt his lesson – one of the reconstructed radio broadcasts which last night's film used to recap the successive headlines of the affair suggested that his next appearance in the opera world would be as "third spear carrier". But it's clear that Cooper is not a man for the non-speaking roles – he was presented here, presumably with his active collaboration, as the arts administration version of *La Dame aux Camellias*. He was first seen walking past the half-constructed shell of the new building with a mask of tender sorrow on his face and Colin Spector's elegant programme ended with a similar shot – Cooper staring with pained pleasure into the well of the Covent Garden covered market as someone sang an aria to the shoppers – a neat emblem for the public accessibility which almost all agreed to be the only solution to the Opera's problems.

Trouble at the House was often beautiful – talking heads rarely look this good – but it wasn't exactly what you could call revelatory. Either those taking part were at loggerheads, so that you would cut from one leading figure saying one thing to another saying precisely the opposite, or the accounts of past combats were muffled in arch understatement. Mary Allen, whose tenure as chief executive was controversial from soup to nuts, declined to apportion blame – rather like the *Murder on the Orient Express*, it seems that absolutely everyone had their fingerprints on the fatal weapon. Gerald Kaufman was declared (by himself) to have been an eleventh-hour saviour and (by Jeremy Isaacs) to have poured petrol on the Opera's subterranean smouldering. Even those who stood outside the affair as appalled onlookers – such as Jim Naughtie and the opera critic Rodney Milnes – were divided as to whether this was an account of Government dereliction or managerial incompetence. I have a feeling that greater clarity would have been incompatible with justice – this being one of those shipwrecks in which many factors combine to bring on disaster – but it would have been nice to spot even a tiny hint of contrition from one of the survivors.

There should be an edict against reviewing new comedies on the basis of the first episode – so I will offer only an interim report on Duck Patrol (Sun ITV), a waterborne vehicle for Richard Wilson, and Heartburn Hotel (BBC1), the new sitcom from John Sullivan, written in collaboration with Steve Glover. The former bears some relation to the River Police boat which features in it – it is slow and gentle and unlikely to frighten even very timid ducks. The latter is a little darker in tone, being set in a seedy Birmingham hotel run by ex-army cook Harry and inhabited by refugees, DSS casualties and anyone whose luck has fallen low enough. I can't find anything in my notes that would qualify as Best Joke for *Duck Patrol*, but I did laugh at the surviving evidence of Harry's plan to make it big on the back of Birmingham's Olympic bid – which included the Torvill and Dean restaurant and the Fatima Whitbread grill.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (12082). **7.00** News (T) (83228). **9.00** All over the Shop (R) (S) (3801334). **9.20** Kilroy (S) (T) (3189112). **10.00** Meet the Challenge (S) (2901673). **10.25** Style Challenge Classics (S) (1412452). **10.55** Short Change (S) (1385537). **11.00** News; Regional News; Weather (T) (5818150). **11.05** Pole to Pole (R) (S) (T) (3548008). **11.55** News; Regional News; Weather (T) (6966082). **12.00** Every Second Counts (R) (S) (T) (93044). **12.30** A Word in Your Ear (S) (29957). **1.00** News; Weather (T) (86315). **1.30** Regional News; Weather (15702957). **1.40** Neighbours (S) (T) (4913971). **2.05** Perry Mason: The Case of the Avenging Ace (R) (T) (9883518).

3.35 Children's BBC: Pingu (R) (S) (3113599). **3.40** Playdays (R) (S) (6296841). **4.00** Popeye (R) (S) (2513537). **4.10** The Littlest Pet Shop (S) (2502421). **4.20** Mr Wyml (R) (S) (T) (6357745). **4.35** Round the Twist (R) (S) (T) (3959131). **5.00** Newsround (S) (T) (3807570). **5.10** The Fame Game (S) (T) (6402711).

5.35 Neighbours. Libby and Darren. Don't you kind of wish they'd make their minds up? (S) (T) (118537).

6.00 News; Weather (T) (173).

6.30 Regional News. And the local weather (T) (315).

7.00 Holidays Out. Royal Windsor, a luxury weekend break in the Isles of Scilly, jet-skiing, Bath, and North Yorkshire by double-decker bus (S) (T) (5537).

7.30 EastEnders. Sanjay is in for a shock, which can only mean one thing. Yes, Gita. Just when everyone had forgotten about her, including the scriptwriters (S) (599).

8.00 Vets in Practice. New series of the docu-soap about young vets. Trude is reunited with Wilbur the pot-bellied pig (S) (T) (1957).

8.30 Crime Beat. Hears about the Transport Police's new zero tolerance policy. Isn't it about time that the BBC practised zero tolerance and got rid of fat like this? (S) (3792).

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (7976).

9.30 CHOICE 42 Up. Britain's longest-running documentary series, which began in 1964, catches up with the original subjects – seven years old then, but 42 now. *See Documentary of the Day, below* (S) (T) (6880315).

10.35 Seduced by Madness. 1/2. Another of these glossy and remorseless US based-on-real-murder mini-series, this one starring Ann-Margret as Diane Borchardt, the high-school teacher who stood trial in 1994 for getting a besotted student to murder her husband (S) (8159228).

12.00 FILM Web of Deceit (Bill Corcoran 1994 US). Corbin Bernsen, having left *LA Law* in a blaze of high hopes about his movie career, was, by 1994, reduced to run-of-the-mill suspense movies like this one. It co-stars his real-life wife (then girlfriend), Amanda Pays, as a new mother with a bad case of post-natal depression. When the tot disappears, even her husband (Bernsen) begins to suspect her sanity (S) (T) (5806848).

1.35 Joins BBC News 24 (16219754). To 6.00am.

BBC2

7.00 Children's BBC: Teletubbies (1621860). **7.25** Dink, the Little Dinosaur (1640995). **7.50** 50/50 (4377315). **8.15** Tom and Jerry Kids (2237150). **8.35** King Greenfingers (9401131). **8.45** *The Record* (2915518). **9.10** Hawkeye (R) (3181570). **9.50** Cartoon (8102773). **10.00** Teletubbies (R) (79537). **10.30** The Pink Panther (R) (S) (6998711).

10.50 FILM The Million Dollar Duck (Vincent McEveety 1971 US). Disney comedy. A duck exposed to radiation starts laying eggs with solid gold yolks (T) (3053082).

12.20 Noble Thoughts (S) (4942421). **12.30** Working Lunch (27599). **1.00** The Beechgrove Garden (S) (84957). **1.30** *People's Century* (R) (S) (T) (1144860). **2.25** Caron Cooper's Cooking with Confidence (R) (S) (52080247). **2.40** News; Weather (5718889). **2.45** Westminster with Diana Madill (4881660). **3.25** News; Weather (1354537).

3.30 FILM Under the Piano (Stefan Scaini 1995 Can). Autistic musical genius Amanda Plummer battles with domineering mother (S) (T) (87792).

5.00 The Victorian Kitchen Garden (S) (3315). **5.30** Antiques Treasure Trail (792).

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Will becomes the school's star basketball player (R) (S) (585686).

6.20 Heartbreak High. Inner-city Sydney teenage angst. Draz gets jealous when Kurt and Anita start going out. And Lee feels that his parents are constantly comparing him to his dead brother (S) (T) (445150).

7.10 The O Zone (S) (618806).

7.30 Home Ground. BBC Wales documentary about the dangers of the heroin substitute methadone, which is killing far more people than the drug it was designed to replace (S) (T) (841).

8.00 Meet the Ancestors. An archaeological dig on a beach in Donegal sheds light on the lives and deaths of the first Christians in Ireland (R) (S) (T) (9599).

8.30 Ground Force. Alan Titchmarsh transforms a paved backyard into a family garden complete with decking, gazebo and sand pit (S) (T) (1334).

9.00 Dad's Army. Continuing the 30th-anniversary rerun of the very first series (R) (T) (5518).

9.30 In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great. Michael Wood goes running after the all-conquering Macedonian, crossing Iran towards the Caspian Sea. He meets nomads who tell of Alexander's tryst with an Amazon queen, and the living descendants of Alexander's Persian enemies, who have their own tales of "Alexander the Accursed" (7) (29063).

10.30 Newsnight. Jeremy Paxman invites some newsworthy politicians to come out and play (T) (648806).

11.15 Ruby. She's joined by a camp-sounding concoction of Ivana Trump, Dana International and Julian Clary (S) (T) (856041).

12.00 The Midnight Hour (95803). **12.30** BBC Learning Zone: Open University: The Film – Joy Riding (86803). **1.00** Ceramics under Stress (95464). **1.30** Spanning Materials (T) (37984). **2.00** The Greats: Artists 3 (16025). **4.00** The French Experience I: 9 - 12 (56445). **5.00** Business and Training: Career Moves (4561445). **5.45** Open University: Mind Readers (9462919). To 6.10am.

ITV Carlton

6.00 GMTV (1188599).

9.25 Extreme Dinosaurs (S) (T) (8470082). **9.50** Judge Judy (R) (T) (4715589). **10.20** London Today (T) (7674112). **10.30** A Woman Named Jackie (R) (S) (9580711). **12.20** Your Shout (4946247). **12.30** News; Weather (T) (47353). **1.00** London Today (T) (85781). **1.30** The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (5220792). **2.15** Home and Away (S) (T) (326518). **2.45** Supermarket Sweep (R) (S) (T) (326889). **3.15** ITN News Headlines (T) (1352179). **3.20** London Today (T) (1342792).

3.25 Children's ITV: Tots TV (R) (S) (1332315). **3.35** Jamboree (7748421). **3.45** Rocky and the Dodos (7735957). **4.00** Dastardly and Muttley's Flying Machines (R) (9967529). **4.15** Extreme Ghostbusters (R) (T) (9006889). **4.40** Minty (T) (4756812).

5.10 Home and Away (S) (T) (5456805).

5.40 News; Weather (T) (789501).

6.00 London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital and the South-East (T) (131).

6.30 Home Truths. General knowledge for 15-year-olds. Katie Boyle keeps score with her magnetic fridge magnets (S) (711).

7.00 Emmerdale. Yorkshire folk. Tara is in a state of shock. And Pollard entertains a mystery guest. Surely not realism (S) (T) (7155).

7.30 Motorway. Takes an aerial view of London's rush-hour, the smug gits. And the Thames Valley Police help a stranded motorist make his date with the Queen (995).

8.00 The Bill. 1/2. "Tainted Love". Starts another two-part story. Polly Page Has fallen for a new boyfriend, but he has no idea she is a police officer (T) (9353).

8.30 Loved by You. Caprice Bourret stars as herself in a new series of this word-for-word transposition of an American sitcom. John Gordon Sinclair stars (8860).

9.00 PD James's A Certain Justice. 2/3. The story so far. Somebody has stiffed a particularly unpleasant female barrister. Was it her daughter, the young murder suspect who's just shacked up with said daughter, or the married lover who's just left her? Or are these all just the inevitable red herrings? Roy Marsden's stolid Commander Dalgliesh continues his inquiries (S) (T) (8957).

10.00 News; Weather (T) (89841).

10.30 London Tonight (T) (738570).

10.40 Big Fight Live. Live coverage of the WBU light welterweight championship from Merseyside as Liverpool's Shea Neary defends his title against South Africa's Naas Scheepers (T) (9260618).

12.00 Renegade (S) (2453735). **12.55** Leahy in Concert (1193193). **1.25** Planet Rock Profiles (S) (6734280). **2.00** Best of British Motor Sport (94342).

2.30 FILM Man from Tangier (Lance Comfort 1957 UK). A film stuntman is framed by crooks seeking printing plates needed to forge passports (5542822).

3.35 True Life Tales (16208938). **4.00** Recollections (S) (59352736). **4.20** ITV Nightscreen (9438398). To 5.30am

Channel 4

7.00 The Big Breakfast (S) (T) (35286). **9.00** The Bigger Breakfast (66678). **9.30** California Dreams (R) (S) (T) (41179). **10.00** Hang Time (R) (S) (T) (1213518). **10.40** The Secret World of Alex Mack (906431). **11.10** Planet Pop (7511624). **11.45** Earle, Indiana (4398082). **12.30** Mission Impossible (53179). **1.30** Earthscape (15728995).

1.40 FILM In the Good Old Summertime (Robert Z Leonard 1949 US). Musical remake of Ernst Lubitsch's 1940 charmer, *The Shop Around the Corner*, with action transposed from Budapest to Chicago. Judy Garland is the shopworker at odds with her superior (Van Johnson), unaware that he is the lonely hearts correspondent she has fallen in love with. The songs aren't up to much, but Garland's at her most beguiling and that's little Liza Minnelli in the finale (84799773).

3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (889). **4.00** Fifteen to One - the Big Winners (R) (S) (624). **4.30** Countdown (S) (T) (3943570). **4.55** Ricki Lake (R) (S) (T) (5420773).

5.30 Pet Rescuers. A horse injured in a road accident, and two kittens with hypothermia (S) (T) (860).

6.00 Tour de France. Their little legs pump the 196 mountainous kilometres between Pau and Luchon. The fearsome Col du Tourmalet beckons (773).

6.30 Home Improvement. Sitcom import. A fire threatens Al's main source of financial security (R) (S) (T) (353).

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (S) (T) (909228).

7.55 Gallery Week. The Isle of Wight's Quay Arts Gallery, venue for the controversial artist Gillian Wearing (462841).

8.00 Absolutely Animals. Wendy Turner learns how to re-float a two-ton beached whale. Should come in handy if Channel 5 ever offer her a job (T) (7995).

8.30 Brookside. Max and Susannah tie the knot (S) (T) (8402).

9.00 CHOICE Equinox: The Bodyhunters. A team of experts use new techniques and cutting-edge technology to search for the remains of Alan Addis, a Royal Marine who disappeared while visiting the Falkland Islands in 1980. *See Science Programme of the Day, below* (S) (T) (6599).

10.00 The Tommyknockers. Rerun Stephen King yarn set in small-town Maine, about a strange force that is accidentally unleashed in an idyllic coastal resort. Stars Marg Helgenberger, Jimmy Smits and Allyce Beasley, who you might remember from the Eighties Bruce Willis/Cybill Shepherd series, *Moonlighting*, which is itself long-overdue for a repeat (R) (340537).

11.40 Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City (30808). **1.40** *The Real World* (3492281). **2.10** The Straight Guide to Queer (R) (3254613). **2.40** Dark Horses (9133377). **3.10** Auto Erotic – The Sports Car (R) (90594342).

3.40 FILM Oil for the Lamps of China (Mervyn LeRoy 1935 US). Dated but interesting attack on rapacious oil companies somewhat pulls its punches. Pat O'Brien is the American working for a large US oil concern in China, who becomes uneasy with their ways and means (286342). To 5.20am.

Channel 5

6.00 5 News and Sport (S) (3417063). **7.00** WideWorld (S) (T) (150750). **7.30** Milkshake! (S) (9699112). **7.35** Wind in the Willows (R) (4944082). **8.00** Havakazoo (3614044). **8.30** Dappledown Farm (R) (3613315). **9.00** Starting from Scratch (3637895). **9.30** *The Oprah Winfrey Show* (S) (6912605). **10.20** Sunset Beach (S) (4895179). **11.10** Leeza (6208773). **12.00** 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (3617131). **12.30** Family Affairs (3254686). **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (1506421). **1.30** Sons and Daughters (3253957).

2.00 FILM Cave of Outlaws (William Castle 1951 US). The search for hidden gold draws various B-movie actors to the eponymous hollow place (89380976).

3.20 FILM Mr Kingstreet's War (Percival Rubens 1970 US). Unusual and very decent adventure yarn set in Africa just before the start of the Second World War. It stars John Saxon and Tippi Hedren as a couple defending their game reserve against the encroachments of both British and Italian armies (49277315).

5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Communication between mothers and daughters. A doctor speaks (S) (5011112).

6.00 100 Per Cent. Three more isolated individuals are faced with a barrage of unrelated questions (S) (1630112).

6.30 Family Affairs. Dave gossips to Susie about his weird neighbours. Duncan's distraught because he cannot see the twins (S) (T) (1654792).

7.00 5 News, including First on Five. Kirsty Young picks up the news and walks with it (S) (T) (6210044).

7.30 Oasis Africa. Some of the beasties that hang out down the Okavango Swamp, where the Okavango River meets the Kalahari desert in Botswana (R) (1650976).

8.00 Hidden Worlds. And another wildlife documentary, this one about the hidden world beneath the sand (S) (5229792).

8.30 What Went Wrong? The worst high-rise disaster in California's history, a difficult docking for a space cargo ship and an explosion in a Mexican sewer (S) (5215599).

9.00 CHOICE Bad Girls (Jonathan Kaplan 1994 US). *Thelma and Louise* meets the western – sort of – as four prostitutes go on the run in a male-dominated world. *See Film of the Day, below* (T) (36820501).

10.55 The Jack Docherty Show (S) (2194686).

11.35 La Femme Nikita (R) (S) (1526347). **12.30** Live and Dangerous (S) (22711193). **1.40** Live and Dangerous (S) (55268803). **3.45** Asian Football Show (S) (7197071). **4.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (1033006). **5.30** 100 Per Cent (S) (3642716). To 6am

TELEVISION GUIDE BY GERARD GILBERT

DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY



42 UP (9.30pm BBC1, *right*) British television's longest-running documentary project returns this week when director Michael Apted and team catch up with the contrasting men and women who have been filmed every seven years since they were first captured as seven-year-olds in 1964. You don't have to have followed the earlier films, which are intelligently blended into the current footage, to be enthralled by this time-lapse observation of evolving lives. Among the first set of subjects are Symon, the forklift truck driver who was brought up in a children's home, and Yorkshire farmer's son Nick, who is now professor of nuclear fusion at the University of Wisconsin.

SCIENCE PROGRAMME OF THE DAY



EQUINOX: THE BODYHUNTERS (9pm C4) An engrossing tale of criminal deduction. In 1980, Alan Addis (*right*), a young Royal Marine stationed in the Falkland Islands, disappeared after an evening's drinking in a remote coastal settlement. His mother, Ann, and several islanders believed that there was something amiss, and although suspects have brought in for questioning, they were released in the absence of Addis's body. Now, using radar, image analysis and sniffer dogs which have been used so spectacularly in recent British murder cases, a Home Office team departs for the Falklands hoping to solve this 18-year-old mystery.

FILM OF THE DAY



BAD GIRLS (9pm C5) Four prostitutes in the Old West go on the run after one of them kills an abusive client, who happens to be the local lawman. A feminist western? A kind of *Thelma and Louise* meets *The Young Guns*? No such luck, perhaps because everybody important behind the camera on this infamously troubled production from 1994 – from director Jonathan Kaplan to the five script-writers – happen to be blokes. Madeleine Stowe is the bar room floozy who pulled the trigger, and she's joined by Mary Stuart Masterson, Andie MacDowell (*right*) and – best of the lot – Drew Barrymore. An ounce or two of wit, however, wouldn't have gone amiss.

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